

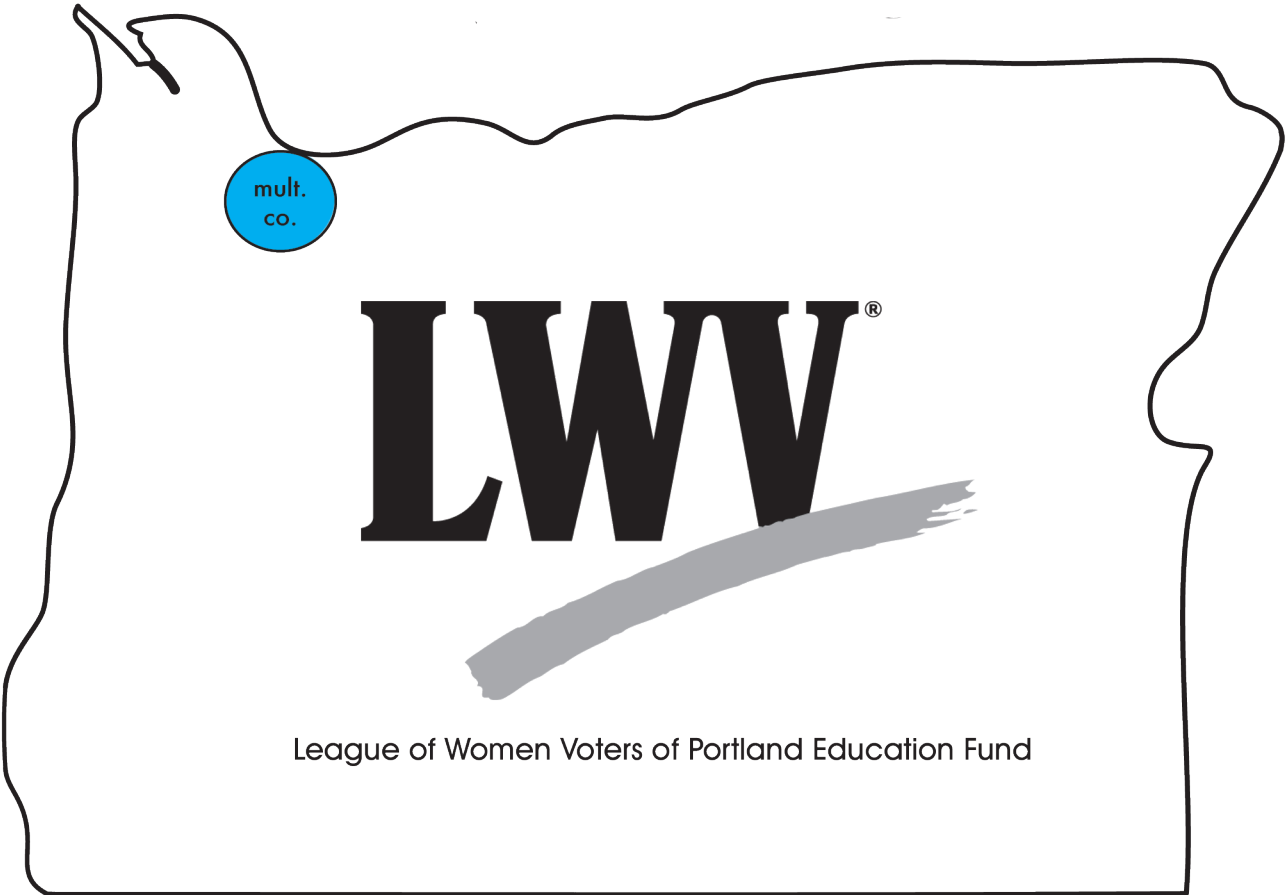
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# Property Taxes and Ballot Measures

Property taxes are a major source of funding for Oregon's local governments. Along with Oregon income taxes, local property taxes also support public schools and community colleges. To understand how property-tax ballot measures affect taxpayers, it helps to understand some details about taxing districts, property values, levies, compression and bonds.

**TAXING DISTRICTS:** In Multnomah County, property owners pay taxes to the taxing districts in which a property is located. The taxing districts include a property's school and community college districts, its city, special districts, the county and Metro. Each of these districts has its own permanent tax rate. The first of several steps in calculating property taxes is multiplying each property's **"assessed value"** by the combined tax rates of all the taxing districts that serve that property. Assessed values are set at less than the real market values of most Oregon properties. In most cases, each property's assessed value is allowed to grow by three percent (3%) per year, although the assessed value can never be more than the real market value of the property. **Generally, property taxes go up three percent each year, because assessed values go up by three percent.**

**LEVY MEASURES AND COMPRESSION:** If taxing districts still need more money than they are collecting, they can ask voters to approve temporary local option levies. (This year's proposed levy for Portland parks and recreation is an example of a local option levy.) If approved, the tax rate for a new levy is added to the tax rates of other levies and of all the taxing districts that serve a property. **For many properties, adding the tax rate from a new levy to the total rate will increase the property taxes somewhat.** However, the amount of the increase is limited, because of a process called "compression."

**Compression keeps property taxes lower than they might be if the total tax rates could be fully applied.** For example, most Portland properties have combined tax rates from all their levies and taxing districts of between \$20 and \$25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. However, many Portland property owners pay taxes at lower rates. This is because Oregon's Constitution sets an upper limit on property tax rates. The total taxes that any given property pays for schools are limited to \$5 per \$1,000 of **real market value**. The taxes for local government services other than schools cannot total more than \$10 per \$1,000 of **real market value**.

This brings us to the next step in calculating property taxes—applying the limits. Each property's real market value is multiplied by the rate limits. The taxes imposed cannot be more than this amount. However, because the constitutional limits are based on the property's worth on the open market, not its assessed value, **the taxing district can apply higher rates to the assessed value and still stay under the rate limit that's based on the real market value. Furthermore, two properties with the same assessed values, but different real market values, may be taxed different amounts.** The closer a property's assessed value is to its market value, the more likely the constitutional limits will "compress" the total tax rate, by limiting the taxes to \$10 per \$1,000 of real market value for local governments and \$5 per \$1,000 for education districts.

The importance of compression to taxing districts is that, even if a new levy passes, the district usually cannot collect all the taxes the levy authorizes. In addition, any losses due to the limits are shared by all the current levies in a particular taxing district. Compression reduces the revenue going to all the local option levies—those approved earlier and the new one. The reductions are applied in proportion to each levy's share of the tax rate. On the other hand, each levy should gradually receive more revenue each year as the assessed values of the affected properties increase.

**BOND MEASURES:** Bonds, on the other hand, are not covered by the tax rate limits. Bonds are debts the district is allowed to incur to pay for capital improvements for buildings, roads, and equipment. If voters approve bonds, they approve collecting all the money needed for capital and interest payments on the bonds. The limits described above don't apply. **Therefore, passing bond measures does increase property taxes, unless the new bonds just replace retiring bonds.**

*A more detailed explanation of Oregon's property tax system is on our website:*

<https://lwvpdx.org/vote/property-taxes-compression-ballot-measures/>

Multnomah County  
Ballot Measure  
26-211

Bonds to Expand, Renovate, Construct Library Branches, Facilities; Increase Safety

**QUESTION:** *Shall Multnomah County expand, modernize, rebuild, acquire land for library facilities; issue \$387,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with oversight, audits? 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*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The measure authorizes \$387,000,000 in general obligation bonds. It is estimated the average cost will be \$0.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the term of the bond or \$122 per year for property assessed at \$200,000. Bonds would mature not more than nine years from issuance and may be issued in multiple series.*

*Note: assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of the home.*

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE	A “Yes” vote would allow the County to raise \$387,000,000 to build a new flagship library in East County, and expand and update existing library facilities across the County.
PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE	The County would have no additional funding to build, enlarge or update library facilities. Taxes for property owners would not increase due to this measure.

BACKGROUND

According to the Multnomah County Library Bond Proposal Executive Summary, Multnomah County libraries are the fourth busiest in the nation. They serve vital community needs. In addition to books, libraries provide access to computers, job training, literacy classes, educational programs, and a variety of other services. They also provide public meeting rooms and quiet places to read, study, work, and learn. Since 2013, County residents have funded a dedicated library district that pays for services (currently funded at \$1.22 per \$1,000 in assessed property value). This measure focuses on capital improvements, not operations.

Due to space constraints and outdated facilities, Multnomah County libraries are often unable to meet public demands. By way of comparison, all 19 County libraries, plus its library office and storage space, would fit into Seattle’s downtown library. The Bond Proposal Executive Summary notes that patrons are regularly turned away from training opportunities and educational programs, and denied public meeting rooms due to lack of availability. Residents of East Portland and East County are especially underserved since only five of nineteen libraries are located east of I-205.


SUMMARY

If approved, the bond measure would:

- Enlarge and update seven branch libraries, including Albina, with space for library administration (\$44 million), Belmont (\$28 million), Holgate (\$43 million), Midland (\$32 million), North Portland (\$12 million), Northwest (\$12 million), and St. Johns (\$10 million);
- Build a flagship library (\$125 million) in East County, a part of the County that is underserved;


- Add gigabit speed internet to all libraries (\$1.6 million);
- Create a central materials handling and distribution center to increase efficiency and cost effectiveness;
- Pay for furnishings, equipment, site improvements, land acquisition, and bond issuance costs.

If approved, an independent bond oversight committee and annual audits will help ensure funds are used appropriately.



**SUPPORTERS SAY**

- Multnomah County libraries are among the busiest in the nation, but the physical structures are cramped and crowded, with far less square footage per capita than many peer libraries.
- Building a flagship library in East County will increase library capacity in areas of the County that are home to nearly 40% of the County’s population but have only 20% of its library space.
- Multnomah County library facilities are aging and need updating. If approved, the measure would increase efficiency and reduce handling costs by converting to an automated materials handling system; connect all libraries to gigabit speed internet service; increase accessibility of buildings, services and technology for people with disabilities; improve seismic readiness; and provide other important upgrades.



**OPPONENTS SAY**

- If voters do not approve the bond, the District’s current bond tax rate would not increase.
- The wide availability of information and books on the internet makes the traditional library less useful in today’s world.
- The library should be investing funds in adding additional online materials and services rather than renovating and adding physical buildings.



City of Troutdale  
Ballot Measure  
26-212

Amends charter: city councilor candidates run against all councilor candidates

**QUESTION:** *Shall Troutdale Charter require election of councilors from one group of all candidates running against all others?*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *There is no financial impact.*

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A  
YES VOTE

*The election process for candidates for Troutdale City Council would change. All candidates, including incumbents, would run against all other candidates for open Council positions. Voters would cast the number of votes up to the number of positions to be filled. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes would be elected to fill the open positions.*

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A  
NO VOTE

*The election process for candidates for Troutdale City Council positions would not change. Candidates would continue to run for a particular position, and voters would continue to have the opportunity to cast one vote per open position.*

BACKGROUND

The Troutdale City Council consists of six councilors who serve four-year terms. Under the current election process for city councilor, at least three council positions are filled each general election. Occasionally, two-year terms are also filled if a vacancy occurs mid-term. These positions, which do not represent geographic districts, require the candidates to run for a particular numbered position. Sometimes, under the current system, an incumbent (a councilor currently holding office) or a new candidate runs unopposed, and sometimes a group of more than two candidates run against each other for the same position. Voters may cast one vote per open position. From 2010 through 2018, there have been three elections out of five when at least one position had an unopposed candidate, while another position had three or more candidates running against each other.

The current system of electing candidates for City Councilor has been in effect for over 40 years.

SUMMARY

This measure would change the election process for City Councilors. Under the proposed measure, candidates would not run for a specific position but rather run against all other candidates, in a process known as top-three voting. Voters may cast one vote for up to three candidates. The candidates receiving the most votes win election to four-year terms. (If shorter terms need to be filled, the candidates receiving the next-greatest number will be elected for the remaining years of a term.)

If passed, this measure would affect elections after November 2020.



SUPPORTERS SAY

- “Top three” voting gives voters more choice by allowing them to vote for their favorite three candidates among the entire field of candidates.
- Incumbents often get a free pass in elections, especially when they run unopposed. There would be fewer unopposed candidates if voters could choose from a field of candidates for all positions.
- The top-three election process may encourage new candidates (including minority candidates) because they would have a chance of winning one of three seats rather than competing for a single seat.



OPPONENTS SAY

- Incumbent candidates may have no opposition because voters recognize they are doing a good job. Changing to “Top Three” voting would require those unopposed candidates to run unnecessary campaigns.
- The current system makes it easier for a candidate to run against an incumbent whose policies he/she opposes.
- The current system is familiar and simple to understand for voters. There is no need to change.

# City of Portland Ballot Measure 26-213

## Restore recreation programs, parks, nature, water through five-year levy

**QUESTION:** *Shall Portland protect, restore recreation programs, parks, nature, clean water; 5-year operating levy, \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The levy would apply a tax rate of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value. If the full tax rate were applied, a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would pay taxes of \$160 per year for this levy. However, because of tax limitations in the Oregon Constitution, many property owners will pay less. (See the explanation of property tax rates on page 3 of this Voters' Guide.) The proposed rate will raise approximately \$48 million each year for a five-year period.*

**Note:** *assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of the home.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*If the levy passes, funding will be increased to support the City of Portland's Parks Program; a special tax would be levied at a rate of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value on all property in the City of Portland not exempt from taxation.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*If the levy fails, park services and recreation programs will be reduced and/or eliminated; property taxes will not increase due to this levy.*

## BACKGROUND

Early in 2019, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) estimated a \$6.3 million shortfall in the approximately \$94 million operating budget for fiscal year 2019-20. According to a February 2019 PP&R Budget FAQ, the shortfall is predicted to grow larger every year, and is due to costs outpacing the revenues from patron and program fees and the general fund. Under the 2019-20 approved budget, park positions were cut, community center programs were scaled back, and the Sellwood Community Center and Columbia Pool were scheduled to be closed.

The COVID-19 pandemic further impacted PP&R's budget by eliminating the anticipated revenue normally provided by program fees: for every \$1.00 in cost, \$0.27 needs to be earned in program permits and other fees. PP&R closed all community centers and public pools and canceled all recreation programming in early March.

The Parks' Budget Advisory Council reported in January of 2019 that PP&R faces \$450 million in deferred maintenance costs. Parks Director Adena Long has noted that 42 percent of PP&R's assets are in poor or very poor condition.

Charged by Mayor Wheeler "to identify a stable and sustainable funding source," PP&R shared the findings of its research at a City Council Work Session in November of 2019. Director Long stressed to the Council that the current level of funding is not enough to meet the community's expectations for park services, and that Portlanders will continue to see reductions to regular service and maintenance in parks and growing inequities in access to recreation programs. Six funding options, including a five-year temporary operating levy, were presented to the Council for consideration.

## SUMMARY

The levy would prevent ongoing reductions to park services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and natural area health, and center equity and affordable access for all. The funds generated by the levy will enable the PP&R to:

- Preserve and improve the health of natural areas, including rivers and wetlands, erosion control and the removal of invasive species;
- Proactively maintain existing park trees and plant hundreds of new trees each year where the rate of canopy cover is lower;

- Prevent closures of community centers and pools;
- Provide recreation programs, including summer camps, family-friendly movies and concerts, fitness and art classes, teen- and senior-focused programs, life-saving swim lessons, and a summer program serving free lunches to children experiencing poverty;
- Remove financial barriers for low-income households by ending current dependence on recreation fee revenues;
- Prioritize services for communities of color and households experiencing poverty, including equity-centered outreach, community partnership grants, and increased engagement with volunteer and partner groups;
- Modernize PP&R's data systems to improve internal efficiency.

A five-member oversight committee would review the levy expenditures and provide annual reports. Independent audit required.

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### **SUPPORTERS SAY**

- PP&R has been adversely impacted by the loss of critical sources of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This levy will restore investments in natural areas and services, and will support critically important programs such as teen- and senior-focused programs, summer camps, life-saving swim lessons, and the summer playground program serving free lunch to children experiencing hunger.
- Levy funds will dramatically increase access to park programs for Portland's most underserved communities by ending PP&R's reliance on program fees.
- West of the Willamette River, 56 percent of land is covered with tree canopy (44 percent if Forest Park is excluded); east of the Willamette, tree canopy covers 21 percent. Funds from this levy will allow PP&R to improve air quality, combat the effects of climate change, and provide cooling shade by planting more trees in those neighborhoods where coverage is lower.



### **OPPONENTS SAY**

- Increasingly, local tax measures put the burden of covering the cost of city services on property owners through increased property taxes.
- Local government leaders say they support affordable housing, but by shifting the tax burden to property owners, they make home ownership more difficult in Portland, not easier. Additionally, federal tax rules limit deductions for property and state income taxes.
- This levy still leaves PP&R at the mercy of the general fund and a potential target for cuts whenever the City needs to balance the budget.
- Because of the effects of property tax compression, adding a new levy would decrease the amount of tax revenue going to the Children's Levy, the Metro Park and Natural Areas Levy, and the Oregon Historical Society Levy. (Note: The loss of revenue to the Children's Levy would be offset by PP&R through waived rental fees and grants, as many Children's Levy programs take place in park facilities.)

# **Before You Return Your Ballot!**

## **Did you sign the back of the return envelope on the signature line?**

Voters may return their ballots by mail or in person at an official drop site. October 27 is the last day to safely return your ballot by mail. After that date, voters should use one of the official drop sites, which will be available until 8:00 PM on Election Day, **November 3, 2020.**

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Multnomah County  
Ballot Measure  
26-214

Establishes tuition-free preschool program, higher earners income tax funding.

**QUESTION:** Should County establish tuition-free “Preschool for All Program” with new 1.5 to 3.8 percent tax on income above thresholds?

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** A 1.5 percent tax would be imposed on taxable income over \$125,000 for single filers and \$200,000 for joint filers, and could increase approximately 0.8 percent to 2.3 percent January 1, 2026. An additional 1.5 percent tax would be imposed on taxable income over \$250,000 for single filers and \$400,000 for joint filers. The estimated 0.8 percent increase in 2026 would be adjusted as needed to provide access to preschool for all three- and four-year olds within 10 years. This is a new tax on County residents and taxable income derived within the County. It would affect roughly 8 percent of filers.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A  
YES VOTE

If voters pass this measure in November, Multnomah County will begin implementation of a publicly-funded universal preschool system. Income taxes for filers with incomes above \$125,000 single and \$200,000 joint will increase.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A  
NO VOTE

Multnomah County will not start implementation of a publicly-funded universal preschool system. Existing preschool systems will remain in operation. No additional tax would be imposed.

BACKGROUND

Multnomah County has roughly 19,000 three- and four-year olds. High-quality, culturally appropriate preschool helps all kids succeed in school, from the transition to kindergarten and beyond. In addition, studies have shown that when children from disadvantaged backgrounds attend preschool, they are more likely to become successful adults and contribute more to society. Economist James Heckman estimates that the rate of return on high-quality preschool ranges between \$7 and \$10 for every dollar invested. However, preschool is not an option for many families. According to a recent report from ECONorthwest, an estimated 4,400 of the children who qualify for state or federal public preschool programs are not currently served by these programs. Some children face barriers (such as costs, special needs, or language differences) to accessing high-quality preschool. Preschool for All supporters note that Oregon has one of the highest costs for preschool nationwide. Preschool teachers often work year-round yet earn far less per hour than their peers teaching in grade schools; this measure hopes to address the twin goals of high standards for education and fair compensation for staff, by raising wages to levels on a par with elementary school teachers.

While few jurisdictions in the US have attempted universal or free preschool, those that have include Washington, D.C., Chicago, Boston, and New York City, where the programs are popular. Some locations have seen challenges for providers, in part due to being only school-based, instead of incorporating community-based providers as the Multnomah County measure seeks to do.

The current system is based largely on private providers, and demand far outpaces supply. This measure establishes the revenue stream for universal preschool, without dictating implementation. For this reason, its success will depend on how well the program expands the number (as well as quality) of preschool slots.

This measure has been placed on the ballot by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners after years of development by the Preschool Taskforce. It incorporates the work of another group that collected signatures for the Universal Preschool Now proposal earlier this year; the chief petitioners of that measure have merged theirs into this ballot measure.

SUMMARY

This measure aims to benefit everyone invested in preschool--children, parents, teachers, and society at large. There are several components to the broad-ranging measure:

- Tuition-free preschool for every three-year old and four-year old whose family wants it;
- Standards for participating programs using the State’s Early Learning and Kindergarten Guidelines, with culturally specific options;
- Up to six hours of preschool per day for each child, with options for additional before- and after-care hours (paid by parents or the County for qualifying families) and for year-round schooling;
- Preschool providers available across the geographic range of the County;
- Involvement of existing providers and teachers, including home-based, center-based, Head Start, and public-school-based providers;

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## Establishes tuition-free preschool program, higher earners income tax funding.

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(Preschool Assistant wage would be at a minimum of \$19.91 per hour in 2022), while developing credentialing and continuing education incentives;

- Pay for preschool teachers on par with kindergarten teachers
- Program administration through the Department of County Human Services;
- An advisory committee of stakeholders to review expenditures, advise on policy, and provide oversight.

While the tax would begin on January 1, 2021, free preschool access would be phased in for all by 2030; in early years, slots would be prioritized

for families who have the least access to quality, affordable preschool opportunities today. Culturally specific organizations will be funded to outreach to priority populations and to guide families through the application process. Eligible children would be those who are three- or four-years old on September 1 of the enrolling year and have a parent or legal guardian residing in Multnomah County.



### SUPPORTERS SAY

- High-quality, safe preschool education serves children during a critical stage in brain development. It is also an important asset for working parents.
- The current preschool system is inaccessible to many, and as such, exacerbates inequities across generations
- Many reliable studies have shown high-quality early childhood programs yield large economic returns to society.
- Putting preschool teachers on a more even footing with elementary school teachers will lead to improved quality in education and improved labor conditions for staff.



### OPPONENTS SAY

- This is not the first or only tax increase the Metro area is seeing during an already fragile economic time.
- We should find ways to enable families to take care of their own kids rather than expanding government programs and having higher taxes.
- Given economic uncertainty, the tax may not bring in the expected funding.
- Federal implementation of universal preschool might make this ballot measure unnecessary.

# Portland School District Ballot Measure 26-215

## Bonds to Improve Health, Safety, Learning by Modernizing, Repairing Schools

**QUESTION:** *Shall Portland Public Schools repair, modernize schools; replace technology, curriculum; by issuing bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The measure authorizes \$1.2 billion in general obligation bonds. Because of declining rates on existing bonds, it is not expected that the measure would exceed the Portland Public School District's current bond tax rate of \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (AV), or \$500 per year for property assessed at \$200,000, the approximate average AV for properties in Portland. Thus, property owners would likely not see any increase in their tax rates.*

*Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 30 years or less.*

*Note: assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of the home.*

<b>PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE</b>	<i>A “Yes” vote would allow the District to raise approximately \$1.2 billion to modernize Jefferson and Benson high schools; develop a Center for Black Excellence; provide educational improvements, including technology upgrades and culturally responsive, up-to-date curriculum; and enhance health and safety, including improved accessibility for people with disabilities.</i>
<b>PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE</b>	<i>The District would lack funding for school modernization and for improvements in curriculum, technology, and health and safety. The District’s current bond tax rate would likely decrease.</i>

### BACKGROUND

The Portland Public School District provides instruction and support for approximately 49,000 students in 81 schools, 38 of which were built before 1930. This bond measure would allow the District to continue modernization projects funded by previous measures passed by voters in 2012 and 2017. Thus far, the District has modernized four schools (Roosevelt, Franklin, and Grant high schools, and Faubion K-8) and has initiated modernization and rebuilding projects at Madison and Lincoln high schools and Kellogg Middle School; if this measure passes, the District estimates that 20% of its total square footage will be modernized. Previous bond measures have also supported numerous infrastructure improvements--such as plumbing to reduce lead exposure--at every District school.

This bond measure is supported by feedback from community members, as well as students and staff; additionally, in 2018 the District commissioned infrastructure consulting firm

AECOM to perform a facilities assessment of its assets. According to the report on the District’s website, “a significant portion of District infrastructure is well beyond its intended design life; assets installed in the 1920s or 1950s present a high risk for continued reliability and serviceability.” Although the District had debated a more costly measure, including renovations for Cleveland and Wilson high schools, it determined that it had to provide for urgent needs--such as “roofs, mechanical systems, and technology systems that could fail before voters could consider another bond in 2028.”

In addition to infrastructure improvements, the District also plans to update curriculum and technology. According to Board member Amy Kohnstamm, the “district is 20-plus years behind for curriculum adoption in every grade level.” The Board expects that improved curriculum materials and technological upgrades will help to ensure rigorous, equitable learning opportunities for students, and promote inclusive teaching practices.

### SUMMARY

If approved, most significantly the bond measure would allow the District to:

- Modernize Jefferson High School (\$311 million) and allow for development of a Center for Black Excellence, including investments in North and Northeast Portland schools (\$60 million).
- Finish modernization of Benson Polytechnic High School (\$152 million) and build an alternative school programs building on the Benson campus (\$64 million).
- Plan for modernization of Cleveland and Wilson high schools (\$40 million) and design for increased enrollment at Roosevelt (\$2 million).

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Portland  
School District  
Ballot Measure  
**26-215**

## Bonds to Improve Health, Safety, Learning by Modernizing, Repairing Schools

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technology, and provide equitable access for students to laptops and tablets (\$128 million).

- Improve accessibility for people with disabilities (\$34 million).

- Replace outdated curriculum materials (\$53 million), update

- Replace or repair infrastructure, including roofs and mechanical systems; perform seismic retrofits; and improve safety features such as classroom door locks, security cameras and alarm systems (\$184 million).

If the measure is approved, a citizen oversight committee, independent audits, and the PPS audit committee would maintain accountability.



### SUPPORTERS SAY

- The Center for Black Excellence, including a renovated Jefferson High School, represents the District's and Board's ongoing commitment to "authentically listen, learn, and partner" with the Black community.
- Improving access for people with disabilities is an important step forward in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and according to local activists Michael Bailey and Mike Rosen, sends "a strong message to our young people that the PPS community values and supports individuals with disabilities."



### OPPONENTS SAY

- Some funding for Benson High School included in the measure would cover cost overruns of approximately \$230 million from the previous bond, representing PPS's failure to plan adequately for contingencies.
- Funding the modernization of brick-and-mortar school buildings fails to take adequately into account new ways of educating students, including distance learning, highlighted by the pandemic..

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# Riverdale School District Ballot Measure 26-216

## Five-year local option tax for district operations.

**QUESTION:** *Shall the Riverdale School District levy \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years, beginning in 2021-2022, for operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *This measure continues the existing levy rate of \$1.37 per \$1000 of assessed value for an additional five years. While the assessed value of a home may change due to increases in property values or improvements, the rate itself would not change from that which property owners currently pay. The measure's explanatory statement notes that for a home assessed at \$900,000, the cost would be \$1,233. The amount of tax collected is expected to increase from \$1,023,379 in 2021-22 to \$1,151,822 in 2025-26.*

**Note:** *assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of the home.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*A "Yes" vote would continue the existing levy and allow the District to maintain its programs and services.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*The District would lose approximately 9.3% of its annual operating funds and face possible cuts in its programs.*

## BACKGROUND

Riverdale School District serves over 600 students in two schools south of Portland. Its staff includes 37 teachers, two librarians, and three counselors.

Voters in the Riverdale School District have approved a local option levy every five years beginning in 2000. According to the measure's explanatory statement, it uses this funding to

- Retain classroom teachers,
- Maintain low student-to-staff ratio,
- Support current programs,
- Purchase instructional supplies,
- Support operational needs such as security and maintenance.

The District notes that while the state plans to spend more on K-12 education, "actual dollars into the classroom have remained stagnant." Furthermore, while the cost to educate a student in the District is more than \$14,000, the state provided only \$8,638 in 2019-20. Funding from the local option levy would allow the District to maintain its current level of programming, including art and music.

## SUMMARY

If approved, this measure would continue adding the existing local option levy tax of \$1.37 per \$1000 of assessed value to the property taxes of District residents. The levy would :

- Continue to provide a stable source of funding for Riverdale schools,
- Allow the District to continue to offer its current level of staffing and programming,
- Enable the District to fully implement its new 2024 strategic plan, available on the District's website.



### SUPPORTERS SAY

- Levy funding allows the Riverdale School District to maintain its curriculum, retain its class sizes and continue its programming.



### OPPONENTS SAY

- There is no organized opposition to this measure.



# City of Portland Ballot Measure 26-217

## Amends Charter: Authorizes new, independent community police oversight board.

**QUESTION:** *Shall the City Charter be amended to authorize a new, independent community police oversight board to investigate complaints against Portland police and impose discipline?*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The amendment requires board funding to be no less than 5% of the Police Bureau's annual operational budget (about \$11.5 million, based on this year's budget). Nothing in the measure requires any particular source of funding.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*A "Yes" vote would change the City Charter to include a new community police oversight board with new powers and responsibilities. City Council would be authorized and required to adopt an ordinance creating this board.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*A "No" vote would leave in place the City's current police oversight system, which is a shared responsibility between the Auditor and the Mayor.*

## BACKGROUND

This measure comes before voters in the midst of calls for greater police accountability. For decades, groups of concerned community members have called for the creation of an independent police review board with power to compel testimony and provide stronger community oversight. Data from the Portland Police Bureau show that 29 percent of the cases of police use of force are against African Americans, although African Americans make up less than 6 percent of Portland's population. This has led to concerns about racial disparities in policing and mistrust between the police and public.

In the City of Portland, complaints of police misconduct are received, processed and investigated by two separate agencies, the Independent Police Review (IPR) and the Portland Police Bureau's Internal Affairs (IA).

The City of Portland has had some form of civilian oversight of the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) since 1983. Currently the primary independent oversight agency is Independent Police Review (IPR), a division of the City Auditor's office. With a current budget of \$2.8 million, IPR has a staff of 16 employees, including a director and eight investigators. If IPR determines a complaint requires investigation, it can conduct the investigation or refer it to the Police Bureau's Internal Affairs (IA) to do so. IPR

monitors all IA investigations. In its investigations of police officers accused of misconduct, IPR is authorized to subpoena non-officer witnesses and documents. In addition, IPR conducts policy reviews and recommends changes to Police Bureau policies in published reports. It also maintains a publicly available data dashboard of misconduct information.

IPR is not authorized to investigate officer-involved shootings or in-custody deaths, although it monitors all of them, beginning with on-scene observations. IPR also cannot directly access Police Bureau files, and it cannot subpoena officers or compel them to testify. (City Code does require Police officers to participate in IPR interviews. They also receive a written directive from the Police Chief at the beginning of the interview that participation in an investigation is a job requirement.) According to its annual report, last year, IPR received 408 complaints and closed 155 after a preliminary assessment, while it investigated 92.

The Citizen Review Committee (CRC) is a volunteer board that meets publicly; it is appointed by City Council and advisory to IPR and Internal Affairs. CRC is supported by the staff at IPR. When people whose misconduct cases have been investigated disagree with Police Bureau command decisions on whether misconduct occurred, the CRC conducts appeal

hearings to determine if the decisions were reasonable, based on the evidence. CRC also has the authority to make policy recommendations to the Police Bureau and City Council.

However, the CRC is only authorized to review some types of cases of police misconduct. It is not authorized to hold appeal hearings on officer-involved shootings or in-custody deaths. In the cases it can review, CRC cannot overturn disciplinary decisions, which ultimately are made by the Police Commissioner or the Police Chief, although it can challenge the commander's findings and recommend they be changed. If the Police Chief disagrees with the CRC's recommendation in a misconduct case, City Council holds a hearing and makes the final call.

If an investigation may result in suspension or involves use of force that appears to involve misconduct, it goes through the Police Review Board, which is an internal Police Bureau advisory body that makes recommendations to the Police Chief. A representative of IPR is a voting member of the Police Review Board. The Police Review Board is normally made up of five members. In cases of officer-involved shootings or with allegations of use of force, the Board expands to seven members: a CRC volunteer and a second peer officer are added as voting members in "use of force cases," changing

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## Amends Charter: Authorizes new, independent community police oversight board.

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the board membership to three civilians and four police personnel (a majority). The Board's meetings are not open to the public. The IPR 2019 annual report notes that the Police Review Board recommended (and the police chief affirmed) discipline in 32 cases: 13 officers received command counseling or a letter of reprimand; 6 were suspended for one or two days; 3 were suspended for a week without pay; 1 was demoted; and 5 resigned or retired pending a decision.

Several factors affect the status of civilian oversight of police officer conduct, including State law, City Code, and the City's contract with the Portland Police Association (the police officers' labor union).

The contract between the City and the Portland Police Association governs the interactions and limits the authority of oversight boards and City Council with respect to Bureau members. The current agreement expires in 2021, and will be renegotiated between passage and implementation of this measure. Additionally, State law authorizes a private arbitrator to review and overturn disciplinary decisions in certain narrow contexts when an officer files a grievance. The State arbitration law has been updated once in 2020, and remains under review by legislators.

Finally, since 2012, the City and the Police Bureau have been subject to the terms of a court-supervised settlement agreement entered into with the United States Department of Justice, because of a pattern of disproportionate harm to persons experiencing mental illness. This settlement agreement required several changes to oversight, including requirements that cases be investigated and decided by the Chief within 180 days. It also required a volunteer board called the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing be formed to work with the Police Commissioner, the Police Bureau, and diverse constituencies to achieve equitable policing and improve community engagement.

In order to take the first steps towards creating a new civilian oversight board with authority to discipline Police Bureau officers and managers, and to compel officer testimony

and evidence, City Council voted unanimously to refer the measure to voters. The measure is silent concerning the existing oversight boards, committees, and divisions (at the Auditor's office or internal to the Police Bureau) that would be affected, and does not change related State laws, City Code, or the City's labor union contract.

### SUMMARY

The measure adds a new section to the City Charter authorizing an independent body to:

- investigate complaints against police employees;
- investigate all deaths in custody, uses of deadly force, complaints of force that result in injury, discrimination against protected classes, violations of constitutional rights;
- impose discipline deemed appropriate by the board;

- recommend policy changes, which may go to a full, public vote of the City Council if the Police Bureau does not adopt them.

If the measure passes, City Council would appoint a commission that would have 18 months to engage the community in working out the system's details and submit a proposal to City Council for adoption. When the commission's work is complete, members of the oversight board will be appointed by the City Council and would include representation from diverse communities. The measure explicitly calls for members of the new board to come from groups experiencing racism or mental health concerns; law enforcement employees and immediate family members would not be eligible for board service. The oversight board will appoint a director who would serve at the pleasure of the board and who would hire professional staff and investigators.



### SUPPORTERS SAY

- The measure is needed to give civilian oversight teeth and make the police accountable to the public. Passage of the measure will lead the City to advocate for the necessary changes in state law and the union contract.
- This new system is designed in such a way to empower the board to conduct thorough and independent investigations, including the ability to compel officer testimony and issue subpoenas, and will be adequately funded so that it can independently complete its work.



### OPPONENTS SAY

- The barriers to more accountability are in State law, City Code, and the current union contract with the Police Bureau, not with the current oversight system. Officers in the proposed system will be held to the same work rules that exist today until they are changed, and the same legal protections for officers will apply.
- The measure is unvetted and it will take years before the commission contemplated by Council figures out the details and works out the policy, legal, and contractual issues.

# Metro Ballot Measure 26-218

## Funds traffic, safety, transit improvements, programs through tax on employers.

**QUESTION:** *Should Metro fund roads, transit, safety improvements, bridge repair, transportation programs by establishing tax on certain employers (0.75% of payroll)?*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *Beginning 2022, a tax not to exceed 0.75% will be imposed on certain employers on the wages paid by the employer to individuals who perform services in the Metro area. Employers with 25 or fewer total employees, and state and local governments, are exempt from paying the tax. This payroll tax is the sole funding mechanism of the plan described in this measure, which Metro calls “Get Moving 2020,” and would generate roughly \$250 million a year for 20 years, totalling \$5 billion. Metro expects to leverage this funding for an additional \$2 billion of federal or state funding for projects. The Metro Council will set the specific rate and may start the rate lower than 0.75% for the first year. If the Council determines a rate increase is needed, they may increase the rate not more than once per fiscal year not to exceed 0.75%.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*A “Yes” vote will implement a payroll tax to pay for Metro’s plan. Get Moving 2020 includes safety, transit, traffic, and other transportation improvements and programs along roadway and transit corridors throughout the Metro area. The plan supplements, but does not replace, existing federal, state and local funding sources.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*A “No” vote will not implement a payroll tax to fund Metro’s Get Moving 2020 plan. Metro Council will maintain current funding sources for transportation improvements. Projects will not be completed as proposed, and the programs will not be funded.*

## BACKGROUND

As the organization authorized by Congress and the State to coordinate and propose regional transportation investments in the tri-county area, Metro works with counties, cities, and the federal government to provide long-range planning and improve public transit. For the past 18 months, the Metro Council and its Transportation Funding Task Force, a group of 30 business, community, and elected leaders, developed transit projects to make many of the region’s most well-used corridors safer and more efficient and reliable; Metro also conducted community forums, discussion groups and online surveys, all of which drew several thousand participants. In addition to the corridor projects, 10 programs were also developed to support the plan’s overall goals, which are to

- Improve safety for everyone;
- Prevent displacement of, and benefit, communities of color;
- Make it easier to get around;

- Address climate change and support resiliency from disasters and emergencies;
- Support clean air, clean water, and healthy ecosystems;
- Support economic growth;
- Increase opportunity for low-income Oregonians;
- Leverage regional and local investments.

The proposed plan includes \$5 billion in capital transportation corridor investments and region-wide programs over 20 years. The plan is also expected to leverage \$2.84 billion in additional funding from federal, state, local and other sources.

## SUMMARY

If approved by voters, a payroll tax up to 0.75% will be applied to businesses with over 25 employees, excepting state and local government, beginning in 2022. This new business tax is expected to raise an estimated \$250 million a year for 20 years. The funds will go to implement the plan.

Get Moving 2020 identifies 17 corridors for transportation improvements with approximately 150 projects that prioritize traffic safety, transit efficiency, mobility, and reliability for all transportation modes on roads and transit corridors. Corridor improvements include but are not limited to:

- rapid bus network;
- light-rail transit line;
- bridge repair, replacement;
- sidewalks, pedestrian crossings;
- signal upgrades.

The plan also identifies 10 programs that prioritize safety, access to transit, racial equity, and community stability.

Details of the plan and its projects are available on Metro’s website (<http://oregonmetro.gov/transportation>).

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The identified corridors and programs are:

**Corridor Funding**

- Southwest Corridor Max line (\$975M)
- McLoughlin (\$230M)
- Clackamas to Columbia/181st (\$150M)
- Sunrise/Hwy 212 (\$240M)
- Highway 43 (\$70M)
- Tualatin Valley Highway (\$700M)
- SW 185th Ave (\$190M)
- Pacific Highway 99W (\$5M)
- Highway 217 (\$18M)
- Highway 26 (\$1M)
- 82nd Ave (\$540M)
- Burnside (\$370M)
- Central City (\$970)
- 122nd Ave (\$100M)
- 162nd Ave (\$110M)
- Albina Vision (\$65M)
- Powell (\$110M)

**Programs Funded Annually**

- Safe Routes to School
- Safety Hot Spots
- Thriving Main Streets
- Anti-displacement Strategies
- Housing Opportunity
- Regional Walking and Biking Connections
- Bus Electrification
- Youth Transit Access
- Better Bus
- Future Corridor Planning

Metro will develop agreements with state, regional, county, and city governments for funding and delivery of the plan's improvements. These government agencies will be responsible for the design, construction, and overall delivery

of the projects with Metro oversight. Metro will manage all aspects of implementation of Get Moving 2020, including requirements for public engagement, accountability, and transparency in development and implementation. An

independent oversight committee will evaluate progress in implementation and submit an annual report. Independent financial audits will be required.



**SUPPORTERS SAY**

- Get Moving 2020 will make it safer, easier and more affordable to get to jobs, services and other destinations, while benefiting people with lower incomes and communities of color.
- This plan will connect people to opportunity via more reliable transit, deepen community stability, and improve access to affordable housing near improved transportation.
- This plan has the potential to create tens of thousands of direct and indirect jobs, helping the region to recover from the economic damage caused by the COVID pandemic. Transportation investments have been critical to every economic recovery since the Great Depression because they bring jobs in the short term and build the infrastructure needed for future prosperity.
- We need to boldly fight climate change, and this plan will reduce the pollution that causes climate change by investing billions of dollars in bus efficiency improvements and electrification, new and updated MAX light rail service, and projects that make it easier to walk and bike.
- The investments in this plan leverage and support investments by local, regional, state, federal, nonprofit and private partners in transportation, affordable housing, parks and nature, and other key community priorities.



**OPPONENTS SAY**

- The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed everything, and Oregon is now in a severe economic downturn. Furthermore, businesses are also absorbing the new state Commercial Activities Tax, increases in the Portland Business License Fee and Multnomah County Business Income Tax, and the new Portland Clean Energy Fund gross receipts tax. Businesses cannot afford another tax.
- Metro's multi-billion dollar transportation package does virtually nothing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Spending \$5 billion reduces Portland's transportation greenhouse gases by only 0.05%. This package costs \$50,000 per ton in reduced greenhouse gas emissions. (The current "social cost of carbon" is roughly \$50-\$100 per ton.)
- This plan is really a "smattering of small transportation projects" and the big centerpiece project is funding the extension of MAX light rail from Portland to Bridgeport Village. Such an expenditure makes no sense when MAX ridership has been dropping since 2012 and now, amid the pandemic, is down 70% from last July. With more people working from home and worried about social distancing on public transit, more light rail is the wrong project at the wrong time.
- Portlanders already pay two transit taxes: the TriMet payroll tax, assessed on employers; and the statewide transit tax, collected from employees' paychecks, that was adopted by the Legislature in 2017. Most people don't benefit from either one, because they don't use transit.
- If the Metro tax is approved, TriMet could bulldoze nearly 300 homes and up to 156 businesses for the right-of-way, according to its environmental impact statement. As many as 1,990 employees will be forced to leave the area, the analysis states.



# City of Portland Ballot Measure 26-219

## Amends Charter: Authorizes new Water Fund spending; addresses land use.

**QUESTION:** *Shall Charter allow Water Fund to finance incidental public uses of certain Water Bureau lands, and explicitly authorize these uses?*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *Estimating the financial impact is challenging. The Water Fund, money from ratepayers, will replace the General Fund monies of \$11,500 spent on annual maintenance of current HydroParks (Portland Water Bureau facilities that serve as neighborhood greenspaces). Additional use of Water Bureau land for uses not directly related to providing water services will increase maintenance costs. This measure also permits the use of the Water Fund for ADA compliance of identified land to ensure equitable public access. Water rates will be affected.*

*The resolution for the referral indicates the Water Bureau will work in partnership with the Portland Utility Board (PUB) to conduct a public process to recommend code language specifying the incidental uses, and once adopted, the Water Bureau will report associated expenditures annually to the PUB and City Council.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*City Council could permit or prohibit incidental uses by the general public of City lands controlled by the Water Bureau for use in the City's water system, using the Water Fund for associated costs, provided the lands are outside the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*Leaves charter unchanged; will not allow the Water Fund, ratepayer dollars, to be used for programs not "reasonably related" to providing water service.*

## BACKGROUND

Water Bureau land could serve as neighborhood green space, but is often unavailable for public use. Such lands would need a different level of maintenance, and some are in need of accessibility upgrades. Both are limited by the availability of budgeted General Funds.

The City Charter, as affirmed in a 2014 court case, does not allow Water Fund (ratepayer) dollars to be used for programs not "reasonably related" to providing water service.

HydroParks refer to public, parklike use of City-owned land necessary for the provision of water services; HydroParks are one of the incidental uses referred to in the Charter change. There are currently seven HydroParks in the City, three of which are on the east side, two in North/Northeast, and two in Southwest; several are in park-deficient areas. Dodge Park, in Clackamas County with access to the Sandy River, is a larger piece of property that could be open for additional use.

## SUMMARY

The Water Bureau owns lands outside the protected Bull Run Watershed Closure Area that are necessary to provide water services, such as the areas around water towers. The general public could benefit from the use of that land for a pocket park, community garden, or green space. Council would need to approve an area for one of these incidental uses. Land is used in an incidental manner when its use is not related to providing water services.

There are related expenses for public access, including general maintenance and making the area accessible to people with disabilities. Under the existing charter, those expenses are borne by the General Fund. If this measure passes, the Water Bureau would be able to use the Water Fund for improvements and maintenance. Additionally, many barriers to accessibility have not been removed for lack of funding; this would allow using ratepayer funds for those improvements as well.



### SUPPORTERS SAY

- The public and the Council will decide which Water Bureau lands are made available to the public for park space and community gardens.
- The Water Bureau should be able to invest the Water Fund to improve historically inaccessible lands for public use.



### OPPONENTS SAY

- Council already has authority to allow incidental uses of Water Bureau property.
- The City Charter should not be amended to allow the City to impose the costs of these incidental uses on water ratepayers.

# Corbett School District Ballot Measure 26-220

## Bonds to Construct, Renovate, and Improve District Facilities

**QUESTION:** *Shall Corbett School District issue \$4,000,000 in bonds and receive State grant to construct and renovate schools? If 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 I of the Oregon Constitution.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The measure authorizes \$4,000,000 in bonds. The estimated cost is \$1.02 per \$1000 of assessed property value. Owners of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$204 per year.*

*If the measure passes, the District would receive an additional \$3,878,367 grant from the State and is on the waitlist to receive an additional \$121,633. If the measure does not pass, the District would not receive the grant.*

**Note:** assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate property tax. It is shown on the property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of the home.

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*A "Yes" vote would allow the District to raise \$4,000,000 to finance relocation of the middle school and district offices, renovate facilities, and purchase furniture and equipment. A "Yes" vote also would allow the District to receive \$3,878,367 from the State of Oregon, and may allow it to receive an additional \$121,633.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*The District would lack funding for relocation, renovation and repairs. The District would not receive the \$3,878,367 State grant, and it would not remain on the waitlist for the \$121,633.*

## BACKGROUND

In its four schools, the Corbett School District provides instruction for more than 1100 students. Its last bond measure was approved in 1994; since then, it has been unable to pass bond measures in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

According to the District, it faces long-term capital improvement needs of about \$28 million. This measure would allow the District to address safety concerns in its middle school by relocating it to a property purchased from the Reynolds School District at 31600 E. Woodard Road in Troutdale; since administrative offices are currently located in the middle school, they would also be relocated. In addition to renovations and repairs, the District would be able to furnish and equip its schools so that they are more accessible to people with disabilities and compliant with Title IX, which mandates gender equity in facilities. Finally, it could make capital improvements to enhance career-technical education (CTE) offerings.

The District notes that if its proposal to use its Woodard property is not approved, then it would use bond funding to house the middle school and administrative offices at its main campus.

## SUMMARY

If approved, most significantly the bond measure would:

- Enable the District to relocate its middle school and administrative offices to its Woodard property;
- Renovate the high school;
- Repair the roof at the grade school;

- Perform seismic upgrades to its multi-purpose building;
- Purchase furniture and equipment to make facilities ADA and Title IX compliant and to enhance CTE programs.

If approved, the District will establish a citizen oversight committee, which would report to the School Board.



## SUPPORTERS SAY

- Safety concerns keep students from using parts of the middle school; according to a 2019 Oregon Public Broadcasting interview with a former superintendent, the building is seismically unsafe, and there is "asbestos in the basement, and lead paint 'almost everywhere.'"
- If voters approve the bond, the District would receive an additional \$3.9 million State grant toward relocation and facility improvements. The grant nearly doubles the amount of money the District could spend.



## OPPONENTS SAY

- A series of failed bond measures may indicate a lack of trust between some members of the community and the District. Consultant Ron Saxton, hired by the District to assess the relationship between the District and the community, noted in 2019, "The need or desire to pass a sizeable bond is [a] source of divergence for Corbett citizens."
- Relocation efforts depend on approval from Multnomah County, among other agencies; if this approval is denied, costs to accommodate the middle school and administrative offices could increase.

# State Senators

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$31,200

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Six bills concerning police reform were passed in the state legislature's June special session. Please comment on how effective you feel these reforms will be. What, if any, additional specific measures would you support in order to enhance police accountability and transparency in our state?

The COVID-19 crisis is putting extreme stress on the state budget and may do so for several years to come. How would you prioritize expenditures? How would you best preserve essential services?

What do you consider to be the most pressing issue for the 2020-21 session and what legislation would you propose and/or support to address it?

## District 14

**Libertarian, Republican**



**Harmony K Mulkey**  
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Part of being an American is recognizing that there is always room for growth in everything we do. I believe that these reforms were passed as a reaction to current events but will not produce significantly improved outcomes. I support empowering law enforcement officers to do their jobs as safely as possible, keeping community safety as their top priority. I also support the adoption or integration of an unbiased third party which can mediate between the public and the police.

I would prioritize education and ensure that each student receives adequate funding while looking for opportunities to expand school choice options. I would also prioritize public safety, ensuring that our residents can maintain a level of security in these uncertain times. I recognize that cuts will need to be made and would focus on postponing projects tied to long-term goals. I would also look for opportunities to allow the private and non-profit sectors to add efficiency to necessary tasks.

The most pressing issue for the 2020-21 session will be the continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As an advocate for medical freedom, I would propose and support legislation that guarantees the rights of our people to make their own choices regarding medical interventions. I strongly oppose the concept of a mandated vaccine, especially one that has not undergone long-term safety testing.

**Working Families, Democrat**



**Kate Lieber**  
[katefororegon.com](http://katefororegon.com)

It was critical the legislature pass those bills. But equally critical is recognizing that those bills could be quickly passed, and no one should believe that they go far enough. This does not take away from the fact that thanks to effective leadership we were able to do something meaningful. Banning chokeholds changes the way police behave on the street and their entire approach to training and interaction with the public. This was an appropriate place to start, but would be a bad place to finish.

My priorities are clear: we must protect our kids, invest in education, and preserve jobs. After that, how we expand mental and health care to vulnerable populations is a difficult but necessary conversation. But let me be clear, anyone who comes to Salem with their plan for how to meet our challenges will be inhibiting progress. More than anything, this crisis requires that we get past partisanship and agendas from any corner to have a more transparent and productive discussion of the common good.

The most pressing issue will be the budget, but the most pressing societal issue is economic insecurity. These two things need to be aligned to help Oregonians protect their families and their jobs. The question is not whether or not this crisis will impact us for years, but for how many to come. We must not simply look at the current situation as a recession, but as a need for fundamental restructuring and alignment of government and essential services with the reality of people's lives.

## District 18

**Democrat**

**Ginny Burdick**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## District 21

**Working Families, Democrat**

**Kathleen Taylor**

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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## State Senators - *continued*

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**Salary:** \$31,200

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What do you consider to be the most pressing issue for the 2020-21 session and what legislation would you propose and/or support to address it?

### District 22

**Democrat**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Lew Frederick**  
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### District 23

**Working Families, Democrat**



**Michael Dembrow**  
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I'm deeply appreciative of the work of my BIPOC colleagues in the Legislature for leading on this work. These bills are long overdue, an important first step. We know that much more work needs to be done on these bills and others. They still contain unnecessary loopholes and unintended consequences. More work is needed to eliminate profiling. We need to prohibit the use of "qualified immunity" and other techniques for shielding rogue officers from the consequences of their misconduct.

Our first priority must be preserve the social safety net in this time of economic distress. More Oregonians will be victims of inadequate and inequitable resources. We must focus on the most vulnerable--children, the elderly, those with disabilities and difficult health conditions--and make sure they are safe, housed, and fed. We'll need to partner effectively and efficiently with cities, counties, community-based organizations, and non-profits to get services to those who need them most.

There's not a single issue. We'll need to continue work on COVID response as well as the enormous work of racial justice. Our current crises have revealed so many flaws in our current systems. And now we also have to deal with the enormous human, social, and environmental costs of these terrible wildfires. I'll be working on bills to improve child care, reform forest practices, recommit to climate action and environmental justice, and remove inequities and barriers in our schools and colleges.

### District 25

**Independent, Republican**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Justin Hwang**  
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**Working Families, Democrat**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Chris Gorsek**  
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# State Representatives

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**Salary:** \$31,200

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The COVID-19 crisis is putting extreme stress on the state budget and may do so for several years to come. How would you prioritize expenditures? How would you best preserve essential services?

What do you consider to be the most pressing issue for the 2020-21 session and what legislation would you propose and/or support to address it?

## District 27

**Libertarian, Republican**



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Real reform, by definition, is always good. I support the establishment of a task force and legislation that furthers police transparency, accountability, and best practices. But I am concerned that we have also denigrated our police officers, contributing to their own milieu of fear and frustration, not recognizing the good police training that is already happening. Legislation should not be passed in haste and panic, without proper deliberation, education, and input from all stakeholders.

For expert advice on how to effectively manage budgets and budget cuts, I would turn to Jeff Gudman, candidate for State Treasurer. His experience and expertise would help guide the legislature safely through very choppy waters. Prioritizing expenditures will require a painful and intense scrutiny of how the government spends taxpayers' funds. It will require the same kind of process that so many Oregonians themselves have been experiencing: trying to determine what's essential and what's not

I believe the most pressing issue for the next legislative session will be dealing with the effects of COVID-19: how to safely open up our state's businesses, houses of worship, and schools (including mitigating liabilities for pandemic-related litigation); deal with the budget; and educate our children. COVID-19 is almost forcing us to rethink much of how we did things in the past and what we've taken for granted for many years. It's an opportunity to ask questions--and maybe find new answers.

**Working Families, Democrat**



**Sheri Schouten**  
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I think it is very early to measure the effectiveness of these bills. I am going to be committing myself to listen more to underrepresented communities and people of color as they chart the course we are going to take collectively to fight institutional racism. One bill I hope to see passed is to increase funding and support for Oregon's Public Defenders. Low income and underrepresented communities often rely on them. Increased support will allow for more police accountability.

COVID-19 has certainly shown us the cracks in our safety net. In many cases, COVID-19 has destroyed the net (especially concerning the backlog of unemployment claims). I first ran for the legislature to help foster and grow healthy communities. I am going to continue looking at expenditures and support ones that rebuild our safety net. One way to add revenue is to the end mortgage interest deductions for 2nd homes. Ending those deductions can provide funding to keep people housed.

Equity. problems must be addressed in a fair way that is equitable to Oregonians. Too long the wealthy and special interests have had their run of the legislative process. Regular citizens, especially those from underrepresented communities have been shortchanged by those in power. When the legislature meets in 2021 to address the fallout of COVID-19, the wildfires, and how we respond to the concerns of people of color regarding police accountability, equity must be at the core of our solutions.

## District 31

**Independent, Working Families, Democrat**



**Brad Witt**  
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I voted for all six of these bills and I hope they will be effective, but time will tell and if additional action is needed, I would be happy to continue the conversation. Further, I believe a community policing model akin to what was used in Camden, NJ should be considered and or implemented.

With the tight state budget there will certainly be difficult decisions ahead. I will prioritize vital investments for our community in this difficult time: funds to support working families, protect local businesses, and not pull the rug out from students making the transition to distance learning. We also need to continue striving to resolve the public health crisis responsibly so that our economic recovery can be safe and sustainable.

2020 has been a remarkably unprecedented year, which makes me hesitant to predict the big issues of next year now. However, I will continue to advocate for and support development of our state's infrastructure in regard to education, transportation, our economy, and other areas including resiliency for communities around the state impacted by unprecedented wildfires and making sure that as our state recovers from Covid-19.

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### District 31 - *continued*

**Republican**

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### District 33

**Republican**



**Dick Courter**

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I am favor of of police accountability and transparency. I do not favor cutting police funds or cutting police force members simply to reduce the budget or to transfer funds into another program. Police are necessary for the protection of all Citizens and should be available when emergencies deems it necessary for police action. I would not oppose assessing police operations in an effort to improve services.

Businesses must be allowed to get back into what they do best - provide services and product to all. Far to many businesses have been forced into closing forever and/or into bankruptcy. I would prioritize expenditures to support business. Essential public services to include Police and Fire must be supported. Funding essential services will be a challenge. Increasing and imposing additional tax burdens on business will only remove available expendable cash from working families.

Education is an important societal consideration. School support is important. I would enhance legislation already on record meant to support schools both public and private. Many forested acres in Oregon were set aside to support school funding. For various reasons these lands have not been intensively and fully managed to provide school funding. Funding provided from this source would virtually eliminate the need for new and additional taxation further removing expendable cash from families.

**Working Families,  
Democrat**



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I was proud to be a sponsor of several of these bills, following the lead of our BIPOC Caucus members. These measures are meant to directly address police accountability and transparency. These bills are not sufficient, nor are they perfect, and yet they are a start. We must continue to acknowledge the reality and impacts of institutional racism on our communities of color, and with information from increased transparency, guide future policy proposals to increase equity and justice for all.

First, we must prioritize integrating robust public health infrastructure into our healthcare delivery systems. Public health disinvestment has been occurring for 30 years, and it shows now, in the midst of a health crisis. Public health investments bring some of the highest health returns for the greatest number of people. Additional priorities are affordable high quality healthcare, robust public education, and efficient safety net programs.

Healthcare and public health reform. We spend far too much money on healthcare with too little to show for it. We need a system that prioritizes the health of our population over any other stakeholder. As a physician who works in a system focused on wellness, who has led on the business side and also has a background in public health, I provide a unique and important perspective to the legislature. This is the area where I can and will have the most impact and I am dedicated to being successful.

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### District 35

**Working Families,  
Democrat**



**Dacia Grayber**  
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The reforms passed are only as effective as the delivery and enforcement they are enabled with. I will continue to support the incredible work and efforts of my BIPOC colleagues and those on the front line of police reform to ensure that we are delivering the best possible service to everyone in our communities.

Apologies for brevity, but I am writing this in the hours before I deploy on the Clackamas wildfires, after just returning from a deployment. In many ways, I view my upcoming work in the legislature the same way-- we are facing an unprecedented crisis and moment in time, and we need to focus on saving lives and ensuring the safety of our community. I will prioritize any bill that does that first. I have aspirational visions as well, but now is the time for action.

I believe in the current conditions that are changing weekly we have to be nimble with this-- making sure every Oregonian has access to healthcare, food, and shelter are the most obvious. People are desperate to feel any sense of security and an economic safety net, and we need to ensure that our policies benefit our most vulnerable community members and our working class, not corporate welfare. Ensure the safety of people and throw "Main Street" businesses a desperately needed lifeline.

**Republican**



**Bob Niemeyer**  
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There is only one set of reforms that Oregon needs. Set standard that can NOT be changed based on the whims or personal beliefs of elected office holders. People such as Mayor Wheeler of Portland should be allowed to select local people to be Police Chief, but he should not be able to selectively enforce or ignore laws. What else is needed is reliable funding. This cuts into a huge problem Oregon has in that Property Taxes are used for so many other things that are not property related.

Force the Legislature to define "Essential Services". Projects like Light Rail should be stopped and all of the hundreds of people involved with planning the expansion need to be laid off. Stop the Toll Roads effort. We have paid for our roads, but aside from that, the huge cost of creating the infrastructure to collect the tolls does not exist. Other States have a track record of spending half of the tolls just to pay for collecting the tolls.

PERS!!! We need to convert the retirement system to 401K's. Everybody in the State just got a raise of about 15%. Why didn't any of that go to funding 401K's instead of continuing with endlessly spending our children's tax dollars today that they will have to pay tomorrow. This problem could have been fixed a long time ago. Now there has been some serious talk of bankruptcy. Who do you think will be the first on the chopping block. Retirees. I stand for making sure the Retirees do not get cut.

### District 36

**Republican**



**James A Ball**  
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I think they will be moderately effective. I believe that most police reform needs to take place at the City level. Several ideas for Portland in particular: institute a system based on the CAHOOTS model used in Eugene; give the existing Police Accountability Board more teeth; and make the Police Chief an elected position who reports to the voters, not to the Mayor.

I would work to cut administration while maintaining services. An oversimplified example: Utah spent \$7,635 per student in 2019 to achieve an 88% high school graduation rate. Oregon spent \$11,905 per student and our graduation rate is 80%. The same can be applied to other government institutions. If we focus on good governance and accountability, we can achieve more with less. It's hard work but I'm prepared to do it.

The most important issue in the 2020-21 session will be redistricting. In order to preserve a free and democratic Oregon, we need to draw district lines in such a way that represents the people of Oregon and any attempt at gerrymandering should be aggressively opposed. The budget crisis is the second most pressing issue (answered above) and the third most pressing issue will be to prevent legislation that would cripple our fragile economy through higher taxation and over-regulation.



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### District 36 - continued

**Working Families, Democrat**



**Lisa Reynolds**  
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The six bills on police reform are a very good start. One bill establishes a task force to propose further legislation and I will work to pass those proposals. We need a complete ban on tear gas to prevent its indiscriminate use, which poisons protestors, neighbors and park land. We need to rethink policing. We need to hold police accountable when they use excessive force. And, Oregon should adopt the CAHOOTS model from Eugene, where social workers respond to non-violent calls.

It has been said that a budget is a moral document. We must make sure that every Oregonian is sheltered, fed, and educated, while also having access to healthcare (physical and mental). We can't simply do less of the same thing we've been doing all along. We can re-think how we provide basic services while also tending to the necessity of creating jobs in our record unemployment. Furthermore, we need to restructure our tax system to increase state revenue. This is long overdue.

I consider the economic devastation wrought by COVID (and the wildfires) to be the most pressing issue for the 2021-2 session. We must make sure that essential services are preserved in housing, healthcare, education and nutrition (see above). And, we must get Oregonians back to work. I will propose a bonding plan with which we can fund infrastructure projects, especially those in the green economy, to create living wage jobs. We must be bold and creative to recover from our economic downturn.

### District 38

**Republican**



**Patrick Castles**  
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Legislators made an effort to define police procedural limitations and add transparency to the process of discipline. Already, dissatisfaction has arisen when police recently used tear gas, having followed the new law, which some legislators thought might reduce the incidence of such use. The law of unintended consequences follows hastily written. It remains to be seen whether the subordination of arbitrator decisions to guidelines and matrixes will stand against negotiated union contracts.

By law, the Oregon Constitution requires education to be at the top of the list. In view of the COVID-19 emergency, healthcare should rate a high level of support as well. The Employment Department is currently struggling to support the unemployed and requires an extraordinary amount of support. The governor and legislature have enacted reductions in spending by eliminating projected new employment. At this point, I would urge the governor to spend reserve funds as needed.

Oregon is in pain. Human generated and natural disasters have brought chaos and death to our state. A world pandemic, Fire, a collapsed economy, a failed Employment Department, have hurt many; Fire victims, seniors, and the working poor, require relief. To help them, property taxes should be indexed to the rate of inflation with a 5% cap, The Corporate Activities Tax should be repealed and reserves should be released to provide necessities to those who have lost homes and livelihoods.

**Independent, Working Families, Democrat**

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### District 41

**Working Families,  
Democrat**



**Karin Power**  
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The legislation passed in June's Special Session were the result of years of policy analysis, public hearings, and dedicated work by advocates and legislators. They were intended to begin to make progress towards police accountability reform (e.g., through DPSST public records database development). My constituents have called for additional measures to go further, so I am currently working on the environmental impacts of tear gas and limiting local purchases of federal military equipment.

It's my hope that our federal government recognizes the dire budget situation that states are in, and provides additional funding to help state programs avoid cuts until there is treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19. Failing that, if Oregon is indeed facing severe budget shortfalls in the years ahead, then my constituents have called on me to preserve funding for education, childcare, healthcare, and housing.

The coronavirus pandemic has ripped away a pretense of equality in America, and exposed socioeconomic fault lines and systemic racial injustices across the country. I believe our most pressing issue in the forthcoming session is to begin to work towards amends for these injustices. My personal focus will be on salvaging our childcare system so that women and people of color are not disproportionately left behind economically if they are unable to find safe and affordable care for their children.

**Republican**



**Michael Newgard**  
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I think the legislatures police reforms bills were empty gestures. Law enforcement has a tough job, these officers put their life on the line each and every day. Unfortunately there are some bad apples. Rather than judge all law enforcement officers by the inappropriate actions of the few, I'd rather judge them by actions of the many - who do a great job on daily basis. Those in positions of authority who commit crimes ought to be punished to the maximum extent of the laws we currently have.

Tough choices need to be made. I refuse the status quo that promotes additional taxing to fix our states budget woes by punishing families who could hardly afford to live in this state when our economy was great. A lot of people can interpret "essential services" in different ways. From having been in the military and local government, I have seen government waste first hand. There are many ways to provide for budget savings without cutting off vital services. It takes effort to find them.

Making Oregon a great place to start or open up a business. This state has suffocated business. Oregon has been continuing to pass new taxes and imposing fees at a break neck pace. When the economy was booming, places like Clackamas County actually lost certain jobs due to the fact they were able to be moved to other states or countries for significant tax savings. Proposals like cap and trade will continue to hinder our states progress, something Oregon can ill afford in our recovery.

### District 42

**Working Families,  
Democrat**



**Rob Nosse**  
robnosse.com

I voted yes on all six of these of those bills. Time will tell if they will be effective as we hope as they just passed. If more needs to be done the next legislative will for sure revisit these bills and other criminal just and police reform ideas The next big issue in policing that the legislature should examine is "qualified immunity" which has a complicated legal history in our state.

My priorities are funding for human services, healthcare, housing and education at all levels. Those expenditures will be my priorities in 2021. There may have to be some "cuts" but before we cut programs and services Oregonians need in a time of recession, unemployment and wildfire devastation, we should use our reserves and rainy day funds, appeal for help from the federal government and raise taxes on the wealthy and businesses that despite the pandemic have been done well financially.

Unemployment, fire recovery, healthcare affordability, racism in criminal justice and policing, housing and homelessness, climate change along with improving access to mental health services all come to mind. I will be advocating for tax and fee increases to support services and education as we cannot afford to cut vital programs and education during a recession and a pandemic. I will look to legislative and community leaders for legislative ideas to address the other issues I listed.

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## District 43

**Working Families, Democrat**



**Tawna Sanchez**  
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Needless to say efforts needed to be made to create a greater impact for those bills in the second special session. We will continue to have to build on the issues a police reform in years to come. The bills that were passed in the special station we're only the beginning.

It has always been my hope that the state will begin to look at upriver approaches to the issues that we are dealing with. Working with the judicial system, the child welfare system, and our education systems to better prepare the people and the children of the state of Oregon to be good stewards of our resources will be the best way for us to deal with budget shortfalls in the future.

Clearly housing will be a major issue in every part of the state in the 2021 session.

## District 44

**Working Families, Democrat**

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## District 45

**Working Families, Democrat**

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### District 46

**Working Families,  
Democrat**



**Khanh Pham**

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Thanks to the POC Caucus, the Legislature made important steps to reduce police violence and misconduct. We now need to fundamentally reimagine community safety and invest in community, with Black leadership at the center. I support changing police use of force laws that essentially permit police to use force in situations that don't warrant it, as well as ending the qualified immunity doctrine so those directly harmed by police violence and their families can access justice.

With unprecedented fires raging across our state and region, it's a top priority that we pass an Oregon Green New Deal to mitigate the climate crisis, build resilience and create jobs in the renewable and care economy. As a first step, I will ensure Oregonians most impacted by the fires receive assistance and will champion Energy Democracy legislation mandating that all of our utilities get 100% of their energy from renewable sources by 2050 while providing assistance for struggling households.

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### District 47

**Democrat**



**Diego Hernandez**

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Those six bills came out of the People of Color (POC) Caucus, which I am a member of and helped pushed and sponsor these bills to get passed. I carried and sponsored and HB4208, which limited the use of tear gas. The additional measures the POC Caucus supports are: 1. Qualified Immunity 2. Misconduct records database 3. Background checks/anti-white supremacy attestation 4. Munitions/chemical incapacitates These are concepts we need to pass urgently. These measures are long overdue.

For cuts, I would develop a criteria system with goals of making sure that cuts are as least regressive as possible and that prioritizes essential services. There are tough years ahead of us because of the pandemic and fires. We need to make sure our budget process is as transparent and accessible as possible for the people of Oregon. We need to make sure we go to the people, their communities and ask what should be prioritized and what they think we could cut.

I don't think there is just one most pressing issue. The most pressing issues are Covid19, racial injustice in general but especially in the criminal justice system, rebuilding rural/residential communities impacted by the fires and the looming eviction bubble that will add even more to the housing and homelessness emergency. We need to deal with this in the next session and some of this we can do now with special session. I will support legislation that addresses these pressing issues.

**Republican**



**Ryan Gardner**

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I anticipate the bills passed will have minimal impact at this time. The tension in our country over Police reform has led to a rush for legislation to fix the perceived issues in our modern policing systems. I am of the opinion that while change is needed in certain areas we must make those changes carefully and only after careful research on the repercussions. I don't think the solution is going to be simple but I think some changes in methods and some additional training will be a good start.

Above all I am a fiscal conservative. I think the current state bureaucracy is already bloated and the fat needs to be trimmed. PERS needs to be repaired and the state needs to take better advantage of our natural resources with responsible logging. That income alone could provide tremendous help with the state shortfall. First and foremost I think the best start to the solution is for the governor to remove her absurd COVID restrictions on Oregon businesses.

Before today (9/9) I would have answered differently. With the massive fires we are enduring right now the state needs to step up and help rebuild the cities that have been decimated. It would be wise to recover whatever burned timber we can and then replant the forest. This is going to take time and the state will need to respond in an appropriate manner to help businesses and private citizens recover from the fire.



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### District 47 - continued

#### Working Families



**Ashton Simpson**  
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I think the bills were a start but there needs to be more done. Ensuring that disciplinary decisions cannot be overturned by an arbitrator needs strengthened. We need to also eliminate qualified immunity for police who have committed acts of misconduct. We also need to ensure that police who commit misconduct cannot move from one department to another. We need to be able to remove police certification for misconduct.

I will fight against budget cuts to essential services, e.g. public health, mental health, education, housing. We need to stop looking to austerity when times are difficult and ask those who can afford to help to step up. This includes the large corporations who always plead poverty even as they make record profits. Such a shift is even more important with COVID where people are at greater risk of losing their health insurance and housing in the middle of a pandemic.

On March 31, 2021, we will face the biggest housing crisis in our time when renters are unable to pay the back rent and eviction protections have ended. I will work to provide rental assistance so we do not have tens of thousands forced on the streets. I will include assistance for small and medium landlords to avoid defaults on their mortgages. Also, we need more resources for affordable housing, especially ownership for low and medium income families providing more stability in their lives.

### District 48

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### District 49

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#### Independent, Working Families, Democrat



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I am glad that the legislature passed those reforms--it was important to move quickly on those measures. That was a great start, but there is more to do. I don't have specific policy proposals, but further bills should be driven by community input and based on data. Police reform is a difficult and ongoing process, but it is essential.

We know we are facing some difficult decisions in creating the next biennium's budget. I will vote for a budget that prioritizes 1) programs that protect the most vulnerable among us; 2) contractual commitments that the state has already made; and 3) programs that will create more costs later if we don't fund them now.

We need bold action on climate change now. We need to go beyond "OK, fine, there is a problem; I'm sure it will work out somehow," to "We need to be carbon neutral, as a planet, by 2050, so let's make a plan." The plan needs to be bold and comprehensive, and we can't wait for someone else to do it. I will work with people across Oregon, across disciplines, and hopefully, across the aisle, to develop a good plan.



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## District 50

**Independent,  
Working Families,  
Democrat**



**Ricki Ruiz**  
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I applaud Oregon state leadership taking the swift initiative responding to police accountability after the death of George Floyd. All six bills have great intentions for protecting Oregonians, increasing transparency and holding police accountable. However, there is still much work to do to increase police accountability to BIPOC communities. The unrest and violence in Portland is proof that we still have a lot of work to do in Oregon, including in the legislature, to heal trust.

Fixing the economy after the Covid-19 crisis will not happen overnight and will take a lot of time and patience. We've all experienced the importance of healthcare living through this pandemic. So I will prioritize investments in affordable and accessible healthcare. The unemployment rate is sky high and combined with our affordability crisis homelessness rates are increasing. I will look for ways to invest and incentivize affordable housing.

When I speak with constituents on the phones, their biggest concerns are homelessness, schools reopening, and police accountability. If these are their biggest issues, then they are mine as well. Governments nationwide are spending an average of 40% of their budget on defense, but we are still seeing crime and drugs in the streets. I would like to work with others in the House of Representatives to better fund social programs and rehabilitation programs.

**Republican**



**Amelia Salvador**  
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The immediate effect will be increased savings and less waste of resources that are utilized for more critical situations. These reforms will also decrease law enforcement officers' stress and fatigue. I believe providing more Police body cameras will allow for a more objective and accountable situation for both citizens and law enforcement.

I would prioritize unemployment benefits, many citizens still haven't received their claims during the COVID-19 employment displacement. I'd support essential services by continuing best practices, sanitation stations, diligent cleaning between usages, and abide by social distancing.

The homeless crisis needs to be addressed. I support policy that effectively finds positive solutions for drug and mental health issues, as well as reconnecting citizens with their families. Revitalizing our economy. Offering incentives to businesses to encourage leasing empty storefronts, as well as larger manufacturers to develop and grow will bring living-wage jobs into our regions. Affordability is pressing, I support policies that keep our gas, groceries and housing reasonable.

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What should be the legislative priorities for managing the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis?

What should the legislature do to improve racial and social justice?

### District 51

**Independent, Working Families, Democrat**

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**Jane J Hays**

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1) Reviving small businesses - monies received from the federal government should be used to resurrect small businesses that are barely surviving. This money should be given to them at no cost to them. 2) Oregon is overtaxed. We need to propose no more taxes. Review past taxes and get rid of those taxes no longer serving their purpose and return that savings to the taxpayers.

Consideration needs to be taken to immediately open up every business with safety measures. Again, take the money the federal government sent and give it to small businesses. Our farmers, which feed us, need it too.

A lot of families, like ours, have been fighting systemic racism by example. My family is black, white, Hispanic and Native American. Our diversity includes those that are gay, straight and many have their personal beliefs politically and spiritually. To further accept and respect our differences, legislation should be passed teaching that it is okay to be different than others. Respect to disagree.

**Libertarian**



**Donald B Crawford**

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

I would support legislation to enable Education Savings Accounts as well as expanding existing charter schools. I would support Right to Work legislation. I would support legislation to reform PERS to make it solvent and fiscally sound, and not at the expense of younger existing workers. I would support requiring that the Supreme Court Janus decision be followed in Oregon, allowing public sector workers to avoid being required to support union political activity they disagree with.

I would support legislation that restricts the governor's ability to close businesses in our state. The best solution is to open the state, end the lockdowns, and let individual citizens decide for themselves what risk they are willing to take.

I would support any legislation that repealed any laws that were not equally administered to all groups regardless of ethnicity or racial grouping. I would support any legislation that repealed barriers to opportunity for any group. Reducing occupational licensing laws is important. Reducing barriers to starting businesses is important. Enriching one group at the expense of others in society is not justice.

### District 52

**Independent, Working Families, Democrat**



**Anna Williams**

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

My priorities for 2021 are child safety, access to rural healthcare, and education. I will work to fund Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), especially in rural communities. We need to address the high cost of, and limited access to, child care in Oregon. I will fight for full funding of the Student Success Act, which provides badly needed investments in our public schools. Rural communities, especially seniors, need affordable healthcare, including prescription drugs.

The legislature should think long-term, avoiding cuts to programs like education and healthcare. We're still reeling from budget cuts made during the 2009 recession -- I want to avoid similar pitfalls. I voted against the budget in the special session due to cuts to housing supports, farm-to-school programs, and healthcare. Our state needs these programs to ensure our communities can rebuild and protect the most vulnerable -- working families, BIPOC communities, and small businesses.

I will continue to uplift the work of the BIPOC Caucus. To improve racial/social justice, the legislature should invest in our BIPOC communities to start repairing generations of damage done by institutional racism. The state must allow agencies that distribute that assistance to use state funds for administrative costs. Small organizations that provide culturally appropriate services often don't have accounting and communications experts on staff, and we need to support them accordingly.

**Libertarian**

**Stephen D Alder**

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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Republican**

**Jeff Helfrich**

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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District

**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:** \$145,192

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What reforms in sentencing would you recommend?

What life and professional experiences do you bring to this position? How might these experiences influence your work as a judge?

How could the court system be assessed for unintentional racial bias? What should be done if evidence of bias is discovered?

To help ensure judges are impartial in their duties, the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct prevents judicial candidates from making pledges, promises or commitments concerning cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before their court. Questions from the League of Women Voters and answers by judicial candidates respect and conform to this provision.

## Position 12



**Adrian L Brown**  
adrianforjudge.com

As an experienced criminal litigator involving mandatory minimum sentences, I have personally seen the disproportionate impact on BIPOC communities. A judge can best serve the community and the individuals before her when discretion is provided to consider all of the facts and circumstances, including the underlying systemic barriers to rehabilitation as well as victim impact. Specialty treatment courts can also stop the revolving door of criminalizing persons with mental illness.

I was raised by a single mom and watched her fight for court-ordered child support for my sister and me. I was tapped to serve as the National Civil Rights Coordinator in the Obama Administration and successfully created over 30 positions across the country to embed civil rights enforcement in our local communities. I will strive to judge each case with fairness and equity, but more importantly to understand the impact on our communities.

Accountability and oversight are essential for effective and equitable results. Reform requires an informed process with engaged stakeholders. I have experience working on systemic reform on issues thrust before our local courts, including racial bias in policing practices. The judiciary must be transparent in its outcomes and have reliable data systems for continual assessment. Leadership and judicial ethics must demand accountability so as to ensure structural and cultural change occurs.



**Rima Ghandour**  
rimaforjudge.com

As a judge, my job will be to enforce the laws passed by the Legislature and the Governor. That said, if called to testify before the Legislature, I would recommend abolishment of mandatory minimums. I believe judges should have the discretion to apply sentences that best fit the facts of the case.

I began my career representing the people through a county. I moved to Oregon and became deeply involved in our community, working to uplift immigrants, people of color, and those who aren't always served by the justice system. I created my own law firm to offer a welcoming environment for women. We offer flexible work schedules and ensure members of our team can find balance between their job and their family. I will bring this dedication to access to justice and ensuring equity to the Court.

I am committed to court processes that ensure full participation of all communities, actively challenging barriers of language, economics, educational attainment, disability, and others that could create inequitable process. I will continue to actively engage with advocates and organizations that provide input and feedback on how the courts can better meet that commitment to providing equal access to justice for all.

## Position 26

**Steffan Alexander**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Soil and Water Conservation District Directors

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** Unpaid

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What experiences or expertise do you have in the areas of stormwater management, water quality, and soil conservation?

Candidates for this race could not be contacted in time for the print edition. Please see [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for online responses.

## East Multnomah SWCD At Large 1

Devin Portwood  
Rick Till  
James (Jim) Carlson

## East Multnomah SWCD At Large 2 (Term: 2 Years)

Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky  
Lars Granstrom

## East Multnomah SWCD Zone 1

Joe Rossi

## East Multnomah SWCD Zone 2

Laura Masterson  
Grant Eisele

## West Multnomah SWCD At Large 1



Weston Miller

## West Multnomah SWCD Zone 1

Kimberly Peterson

## West Multnomah SWCD Zone 2



Jane Hartline

## West Multnomah SWCD Zone 3

George Sowder



# Metro Councilor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$45,707

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**What have you learned from the COVID-19 crisis that will inform your decisions and advocacy while serving on the Metro Council?**

**How will you ensure that the infrastructure promised by Metro's current transportation measure is adequately funded and supports all residents, including those most in need? If the measure fails, what should be Metro's first transportation priority?**

**If funding generated by the 2020 Metro homeless measure is less than expected, how would you recommend that Metro meet goals that the measure laid out, especially given the urgency of current need in the region?**

## District 3

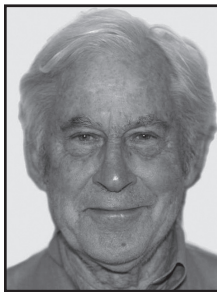


**Tom Anderson**  
*tomandersonmetro.com*

I have learned that it is nice to have a rainy day fund set aside to get you through tough times. No one could have predicted that our economy would be essentially shut down for 6 months and that our local businesses would be hurting to provide for their employees and families. Having some accessible money to help bridge the gap in the form of loans and grants to small businesses was crucial to those affected. I will remember come budget time that government is meant to serve the community

The Get Moving 2020 measure was carefully crafted to ensure that every area of Metro had some long awaited road improvement project included. Metro will bond off of the predicted tax revenue and should provide a stable funding mechanism for those plans. The projects will be prioritized by need and by degree of planning and readiness. If the measure fails it will be a blow to the SW Corridor Light Rail effort. Metro and Trimet will have to reconsider the project scope and size.

Even though the funding for the affordable housing wrap around services measure may be less than expected this first year due to COVID related delays, it should have enough money to start a robust initial push for services. Part of the infrastructure is already in place as they are partnering with the Counties to identify needs. The programs should be up and running at their peak at about year 3, so we should be out of the financial crisis by then, or at least have a better idea of how to fund.



**Gerritt Rosenthal**  
*gerrittformetro3.net*

Communication and coordination, with strategic plans developed based on scientific knowledge, are critical in developing regional strategies to control the virus, to foster economic recovery, and to plan for quality education. Housing needs and the homeless crisis have been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. This will take a comprehensive and regional approach. Most people in our region have a strong sense of common purpose and caring that will inform regional action. I will listen to them.

I have worked on (budgeted and managed) projects with large budgets and also understand how public works projects are conducted. I will be proactive in seeking progress updates and financial accountability from Metro staff. The projects may have to be timed to meet the funding level and flow - as determined by the tax structure. I will prioritize projects that are critical for safety, equity, and job creation. If it fails, Metro will propose an updated measure based on long term regional needs.

There is no simple answer to this and the response depends of the shortfall. I would seek projections from community action partners throughout the region as to their priorities and make sure their implementation plans are consistent. Each community has a different matrix of needs in terms of housing affordability, homelessness, mental health support, and substance intervention. Metro must listen to implementers and fashion a regionally consistent strategy that is matched to the funding,

## District 5



**Mary Nolan**  
*nolanformetro.com*

Emergency planning is critical; testing of the plans regularly with coordinated drills among local, state and federal services is too. Responses to broad-scale emergencies must be based in science, proven public health principles and clear, honest communication from public leaders. The vast majority of Portlanders want to be helpful and are willing to change habits for community benefit. Truly accessible universal healthcare coverage saves lives and drastically reduces trauma and cost.

The Get Moving proposal makes key transportation improvements specifically designed to benefit neighborhoods where large numbers of people of color live and work. The proposal was developed with active input from and collaboration among groups, communities and employers specifically to reverse past disruptive, arrogant highway alignments in historically Black neighborhoods. I will honor that work. Whether voters approve the measure or not, these remedial investments are my top priority.

The Here Together program was pitched as a way to "end the homeless crisis." Metro has to implement the program with strict adherence to this pledge. With input from the citizen advisory committee, I will push the Metro Council to set ambitious, objective results -- measured in specific improvements for people's lives. I will push to have each initiative and service under this program evaluated annually in transparent public settings, and funding continued only for services that get results.

# Metro Councilor - continued

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**Salary:** \$45,707

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## District 5 - continued



**Chris Smith**  
*chrisformetro.com*

The vulnerability of the business models of Metro's visitor facilities should inform future resilience planning. The hugely uneven impacts of the pandemic have painted in stark relief the division of our society by race, income and geography, including who can work from home and who must continue to commute to essential jobs. We must incorporate this learning into dismantling structural racism in our society and economy.

I will seek additional funding sources to accelerate the delivery of projects and/or reduce the burden of the payroll tax that funds the measure. I will advocate to redirect the \$30M/year allocated for the unnecessary and destructive Rose Quarter Freeway expansion to the project list in the measure. If the measure fails, I would prioritize expanding the region's bus network and creating tools to speed up buses. Those are critical investments to help essential workers and those in the most need.

I would work with the Tri-County Advisory body referenced by the measure, to ensure that the needs of BIPOC community members, especially those with disabilities, are prioritized, and that Metro maintain full investment in culturally specific providers. BIPOC and survivors of domestic violence experience homelessness disproportionately, are over-represented among those facing chronic homelessness, and have historically faced more barriers accessing services.

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# Fairview City Councilor

**Term: 4 Years**  
**Salary: Unpaid**

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What will be your top three priorities as a council member?

How can we address homelessness in our city in a way that helps the people who are houseless, while keeping our public spaces safe and accessible for everyone?

## Position 1

**Wendy Young Lawton**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 2

**Steve Marker**  
smdjmagic@frontier.com

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Mike Weatherby**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 3



**Keith A Kudrna**  
keith.kudrna@yahoo.com

While COVID-19 has certainly put a damper on things, I have participated in multiple community gatherings, meeting with residents face to face, hearing their concerns and discussing possible options. We can always do more face to face interactions as I find the best way to be transparent is to speak to people in person.

We have multiple properties that need to be developed to improve our main commercial corridor, Halsey St. I would like to be more aggressive in seeing these properties developed into something that can benefit the residents of Fairview. I would like to collaborate with neighboring cities to negotiate a better deal with Multnomah County Sheriffs office for our policing and public safety needs. I would love to see something in addition to the H.O.P.E. team to address homelessness in the area.

We have access to Multnomah County's H.O.P.E. team and I feel that while they do a good job, they could always use more help. We need to look at possible places to open up a shelter for people experiencing homelessness to go to to be safe instead of camping along the streets.

## Position 5 (Term: 2 Years)



**Steve Owen**  
steve\_owen@frontier.com

I recommend when information is requested by an individual Council member that all material is distributed to the entire city council. This keeps all city council members informed. Support work sessions on topics that require more information and allow public comment at the appropriate time. Encourage all city council members to disclose any conflicts of interest or potential conflicts before participating in discussion. Minimize executive sessions and hold discussion in public.

1. Public Safety - Make certain the service level for police services with Multnomah County is fulfilled. It's important for our community members to see active patrols in our neighborhoods. 2. Financial Health of the City - Support cooperation between the cities in close proximity to Fairview. Identify economies of scale if we all work together. 3. Economic Development I'm excited about the possibilities of improving the Halsey corridor with expanded development.

Provide the entire community with information on services available from Multnomah County. The City can provide this information in the newsletter. This will inform all members of the community with information they can share if they encounter a homeless person that needs assistance. I would encourage individuals to make the City aware of temporary camps immediately. The sooner we connect people with available services our public spaces will feel safer and more enjoyable for our use.



# Gresham City Mayor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$61,200

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**Eddy Morales**  
eddimorales.com

I have a clear record of asking the tough questions to bring greater accountability, while also engaging more and more diverse community members in council decisions. This kind of accessible, transparent leadership is long overdue. The events of the last several months have made that clear. And I'm the only candidate with a plan to: establish term limits, elect an independent auditor and give community members more say in how taxpayer dollars are spent through participatory budgeting.

1. When COVID hit, I responded. We provided emergency assistance to small businesses and I passed a moratorium on evictions to prevent more homelessness. Now, I am fighting for childcare dollars for families and will set up a resiliency task force for recovery. 2. Affordable housing: I led the fight for the 224 units in Rockwood, and we need to get to work building more with the voter-approved housing bond. 3. Implement participatory budgeting, giving community members say over \$5m for parks.

Affordable housing and housing options at all income levels and stages of life is the top issue in our community. We need to put that bond to work and build what our community needs. I also support the new money for supportive housing that will come with mental health and addiction treatment. That's how we keep the chronically homeless housed. People and families need help - and the humane and most effective way to reduce homelessness long term is to get them that help; not criminalize them.

**Sean Bishop**  
seanbishop217@gmail.com

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Joe Demers**  
demersformayor.com

Integrity starts with fulfilling the job title for all council members upholding their commitment to a non-partisan position. Collaboration works when everyone involved listens to ideas and solutions with an agreed outcome. Transparency comes by use of town halls, events, and public meetings to promote citizen involvement and awareness, and give the voice back to the citizens.

Law & Order, Economic Development, Public Safety

The current program headed by Joe Walsh needs to stay consistent with their ability to get help for those willing to seek it and providing temporary housing on the road to recovery. Utilizing our police resources to keep camps clear of public access and recreational trails. Looking for ways to expand their program with funding other than what comes from the county.

**Nick Switzer**  
nick@weeklyrose.com

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Travis Stovall**  
greshamtogether.org

As mayor, I will continue to foster an environment of dialogue and feedback between our leaders and residents to ensure we're listening to the whole community. I will help author and lead efforts to make City hall decisions more transparent, support community oversight committees, and ensure that my office is open and accessible to all---not special interests.

1. Steering the City through the Pandemic and Recession will be my main priority as Mayor. 2. Equitable Economic Development: The best way to enhance a community's livability is to ensure we have good paying jobs, workforce training, and equal opportunity for every resident of our city. 3. Public Safety: As a black man, my lived experience will inform my approach and bridge the gap between communities of color and law enforcement. We must invest in community policing.

The availability of affordable housing is crucial to effectively addressing homelessness. Providing people with a safe space to get back on their feet benefits everyone. Investing in housing, jobs, and workforce development gives people the tools needed to uplift their lives. We also must ensure that we invest in alcohol, drug and mental health services to address the holistic needs facing many of our chronically houseless members of the community. As mayor, this will be a top priority.



# Gresham City Councilor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$25,000

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What will be your top three priorities as a council member?

How can we address homelessness in our city in a way that helps the people who are houseless, while keeping our public spaces safe and accessible for everyone?

## Position 1



**Jerry W Hinton**  
*jerryforgresham.com*

During my first two terms on the Gresham City Council I have proven that I can find common ground and collaborate with both sides on an issue. Viable solutions require a L-T approach that does not paint another into a corner. Respectfully acknowledging other's opinions without discount is critical. Appreciating the background and perspective of another is also important to be able to discern their understanding. However, being true to your principals is also necessary to retain your rudder.

1)Public safety should always be government's #1 priority. I support our first responders and reject the notion of defunding. 2)Robust economic and housing development is critical. Success creates a better quality of life for all. Expanded garage to storefront and enterprise zone assistance and reduce the city's red tape wherever possible to allow business and development to do what they do best. 3)Collaborate with the community to provide better equity and inclusion for all Gresham citizens.

Continue to enforce Gresham's compassionate, yet firm approach to homelessness. Our homeless liasons are prepared with housing vouchers to get the homeless safe and sheltered that night; we have also placed almost 200 individuals in L-T housing. If they refuse, we can move them along via Martin v. Boise. We will also continue to strongly enforce our auto/rv ordinance that tows a vehicle after 24 hours if it is not registered to the home. We do all we can to get them the care that they need.



**Dina DiNucci**  
*dinaforgresham.com*

Ask for council agreement to denounce allegiances to special interests/ organizations or powerplayers & represent the interests of ALL residents. I will lead with transparency, and inform all populations on the issues to come before council. Full transparency brings to light any backroom deals or hidden agendas, within a short time. Honest, respectful discussion, and opposing views leads to good policy. Always listen & de-escalate, as I have through years of experience in unifying groups.

Equal consideration for all neighbors. A City that understands the barriers our residents face, whether it is staff encounters or policies made by our Council. Understanding the needs of our changing demographics is essential. & we must be educated on how this affects everyone. Everyone should have a home they can afford. We can support housing options for all income levels. Livability standards throughout Gresham. Proactive solutions for all neighborhoods driven by the neighbors' priorities

I have managed a family shelter in Oregon & have seen firsthand that these families need options. Gresham must come to the table on regional efforts through Metro's measure. We need options for intense & customized wrap-around services, perhaps as peer-led services. ' Piece-meal programs won't work when families and individuals face different barriers. Services should be available in East County, but the City must set standards and require an enforceable good neighbor agreement.

## Position 3

**Matt Burnett**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Vince Jones-Dixon**  
*vince4gresham.com*

Transparency is inclusive of developing relationships between agency and citizens. This is where we grow together. Additionally, we need to support inter-agency connectivity which would further address collaboration and diminish gaps in information/service and reinventing working wheels. Integrity is an ongoing checks and balances effort in which we all need to participate in. That means addressing issues/concerns as they happen.

Community Safety: Engaging community members and public safety officials to rebuild the trust necessary to create true community safety. Community Engagement: Providing more access to civic engagement, particularly for those in underserved communities. Ownership=Equity: Working to create financial stability for more Gresham residents through opportunities for equal housing, equal land ownership, and equal opportunities for economic growth.

We have to understand our homelessness from a multi-pronged approach. Asking what are the reasons for initial homelessness will better allow for short and long term solutions to be applied that will be sustainable and not just provide a bandaid. I believe we are at a place where a re-evaluation of public space camping is necessary and look at what type of boundaries can be put into place to encourage out of the box thinking and solutions.

# Gresham City Councilor - continued

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## Position 3 - continued

**Brianna Harris**  
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Candidate did not respond by deadline.



**Raymond Love**  
raymondloveforall.com

1. Transparency. I would incorporate a more robust social media engagement requirement by the city so average citizens can be easily kept informed on what is going on within the council. 2. Collaboration. I would personally invite chamber members to my home so we can meet and get know each other. It is always easier to collaborate when you have relationships with people. 3. Integrity. Require a background check for council members. Require we all publish why decisions were made for public view.

1. Improve living conditions in Rockwood so that everyone in Gresham can prosper, and by making that a priority, we will build trust and engagement with minorities who have been largely left out of the process in the past. 2. Improve relationship between law enforcement and the community. Identify additional agencies that can support the police, so they can focus on their mission. 3. Restore positive dialogue between City Hall and the community. Have positive events designed around "community."

Expand and continue to build on the plan the City began implementing in 2016. It is a comprehensive strategy in which we work better as a community to address the underlying causes of the homelessness, but on an Individual basis. First reaching out proactively with the homeless to determine what they need to best help them as an individual. Then, connect them with resources such as a home for everyone or the second home program. As my mom would say, first treat them with dignity and respect.

**Beshara S Shahin**  
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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

## Position 5



**Sue Piazza**  
votepiazza.com

A great way to improve transparency is to provide clear information and opportunities for participation. There are several Citizen Advisory Committees to be involved in, our city can do a better job of alerting the public to join. City council is a local office, serving everyone at the local level and as such is a non partisan position. I think it is important to elect those with bi-partisan attitudes, someone who cares more about the community than a political agenda.

Public Safety: We need to ensure our police and fire safety services have the resources they need to properly serve us. Fiscal Responsibility: More than ever the city needs to be fiscally responsible to the citizens, thinking outside the box to get our needs met without raising fees and taxes. Economic Growth: Local Businesses are the backbone of our economic prosperity. In order to climb out of the covid recession, we must ensure they have the support they need to hire, expand and thrive.

I am pleased with the success of Gresham's new Health Advisor Services program. It's working to empower those who are un-housed on our streets, giving them access to the help they need. I'd like to see this program expand, and I have plans to partner with a local non-profit whose specific goal will be to "fill in the gaps" of this program without additional cost to citizens.

**Stella Armstrong**  
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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

# Gresham City Councilor - continued

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## Position 5 - continued



**Dave Dyk**  
davedyk.com

I am committed to transparency, collaboration, and integrity on the City Council. Engagement and inclusion of new voices are one of my priorities. That means fostering relationships between City Hall and parts of our community that haven't previously plugged into City Hall; I'll work hard to recruit new people for council advisory committees. It also means tackling difficult issues head on, such as police reform (see the police reform proposal on my website, davedyk.com/policereform).

1- Sustainable Financial Management - Gresham needs to improve the City's financial health. As a Finance Committee member I have the background to prioritize sustainable funding for basic services such as parks and public safety. 2- Parks and Recreation - I'll support for families and children by establishing sustainable parks and recreation, establishing a parks district. 3-Engaging New Voices - I will be welcome and inclusive in recruiting new voices to get plugged in at City Hall.

I believe everyone deserves a safe and stable home, period. The City's homeless services staff and GPD have focused on code enforcement. That is important, though I favor a more-balanced policy that works more closely with the MultCo joint office to ensure we aren't simply pushing camps around. I favor policies which increase access to housing and services. The City is doing a good job implementing the 2018 Metro affordable housing bond, and I would focus on the remaining work with developers.

**Thomas Stanley**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



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# Maywood Park City Councilor

**Term:**  
**Two 4-Year positions;**  
**One 2-Year position**  
**Salary: Unpaid**

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**Jeff Williams**  
*jdouble102@gmail.com*

I would make myself available to the residents. Be approachable to discuss their views and value their opinions and take them to the council to discuss during an open forum.

1) Work closely with PBOT on their ZERO vision project on 102nd to ensure continued safety for all involved. 2) Encourage and increase participation in the Neighborhood Park Watch. 3) Community Involvement. Bridging the gap between long-time residence and newer younger families.

The city of Maywood Park doesn't have the resources to offer assistance or services to the houseless. However, we work closely with Multnomah County HOPE team and the Urban League. I feel that is very important to support these organizations, and do what we can to help them, whether it be food and clothing drives or collecting blankets, in the winter, to contribute and maintain these working relationships.

**Robin R Wisner Sr**  
*ramarws@msn.com*

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Jim Akers**  
*jakers2665@gmail.com*

I feel all three of these items can be achieved by implementing TEAM WORK! TEAM WORK isn't just between council members, but council members and the community. When members of the community and council work together, it makes us stronger. It also lets the residents know we value them and their input. As a council, we are here working for and with them!

1) Improve community involvement  
2) Find a resolution for our waste water system  
3) Establish programs/projects our young people can become involved in

Unfortunately, due to the size of our city we don't have the resources or funding available to offer direct assistance to the homeless. However, we do work closely with Multnomah County HOPE TEAM and Urban League when there is a need.



**Miriam Berman**  
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As a former teacher and small business owner, I listen to all sides and am an experienced collaborator. I have often been nicknamed "a problem solver" throughout my work experience. I encourage creating win-win situations. I am honest, forthright and a hard worker, and I expect the same from my colleagues. I would expect the same from anyone on City Council.

I moved to Maywood Park from Mt Tabor 16 months ago; I love living in this charming community. I have attended many city council meetings and want to have a more active role. I will continue the discussions about keeping our neighborhood beautiful and streets safe. Wherever I have lived, I have taken it upon myself to help create a more cohesive, and friendly neighborhood. I'd like to create a contact list for those who want to participate and to see more gatherings/celebrations Post-Covid.

My focus is on creating a safe community for everyone, both the neighbors of Maywood Park and the houseless. The City already reaches out to the Multnomah County Hope Team for support. We need to do more. We must have compassion & help find homes for the houseless while ensuring that our neighbors are comfortable walking in our community. Collaboration with other jurisdictions and combining resources/strategies is key. Maywood Park can be an important player in a regional safe cities consortium.

**Ron Dickson**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



# Portland City Mayor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$143,666

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**How can Portland address homelessness in our city in a way that helps the people who are houseless, while keeping our public spaces safe and accessible for everyone?**

**Given the economic hit the city budget has taken, what criteria would you use to determine the size and target of potential cuts?**



**Ted Wheeler**  
*tedwheeler.com*

Regardless of who the Police Commissioner is, people will always look to the Mayor's office to assure that all Portlanders feel safe and heard. I have collaborated with my colleagues, including Commissioner Hardesty, to bring substantive reform to Portland, including investment in communities of color, strengthened police accountability and oversight, and banning chokeholds by Portland officers. I have released a 19-point Police Reform Plan on my website, which I encourage you to take a look at.

It starts with more shelter space and services. In four years we've doubled our shelter capacity, helped over 6,000 people off our streets last year alone, accelerated construction of affordable housing, and expanded wraparound services. We have been especially successful in reducing the number of homeless families and elderly. We must build on these models"including navigation centers"which are proven to help chronically homeless off the streets and into treatment and housing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an immediate and significant impact on our budget. However, thanks to strong financial management over the past few years, we were able to close the deficit by almost 90%. That included drawing on our reserves, pausing a few new programs, and implementing furloughs and wage freezes. This shared sacrifice has been critical, allowing us to continue to fund programs like homeless services, parks, and rent assistance to low-income Portlanders affected by the pandemic.



**Sarah Iannarone**  
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City Council should set the parameters for what constitutes acceptable policing in the City of Portland, regulate what methods and tactics are acceptable to use, and how officers are disciplined. City Council's year-by-year budget should reflect our commitment to human rights and public health. At nearly \$250M annually, policing continues to take the vast majority of public safety resources in Portland. Let's fund human solutions to help people in crisis such as Portland Street Response.

We waste too much money moving people from one end of the street to another and back again. Instead of sweeping humans like trash, we need systemic solutions to clean up our streets permanently. The current administration has been shamefully slow to act. We need to fund emergency renter assistance, temporary shelters, transitional housing, and permanently affordable housing with wraparound services. Our crisis demands a more collaborative, community-based approach to housing all Portlanders.

Keeping Portlanders fed, housed and with their basic needs met is my first priority as Mayor. I will ensure direct support to the people most harmed by the recession, including the unemployed and small businesses. We must also use our budget to fix systemic racism and inequality. This is not a time to go it alone, but rather a time for the council to collaborate on a budget that meets the moment and can pass unanimously, to show the people of Portland that we're focused and in this together.

# Portland City Commissioner

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**Salary:** \$120,973

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## Position 4



**Mingus Mapps**  
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Instead of taking a siloed approach to policing policy, I believe City Council should focus on bigger questions like: What kind of outcomes do we expect our public safety system to produce? Which programs and policies are most likely to deliver those outcomes? And what is the most efficient way to fund the public safety programs Portlanders demand? When I am on City Council, I will push for that kind of results oriented approach to protecting human dignity and public safety.

We must serve our houseless neighbors and also keep our public spaces safe and accessible. I am a strong proponent of creating new units of deeply affordable, supportive housing, reserved for chronically houseless people who are also disabled, mentally ill, or drug addicted. When I'm on City Council, I'll fight to expand the "Street Response Team" model city-wide. This provides houseless citizens with better service, while reducing the number of 911 calls armed police officers respond to.

Portland's incoming City Council will be forced to make unprecedented cuts to our city's budget. Some basic city services-- like policing-- need to be fundamentally rethought and reorganized through the budget process. My approach to budgeting will balance these competing imperatives. Here is my bottom line. No Portlander should go hungry during this pandemic. No renter or homeowner should lose their home. The City should do everything possible to help small businesses survive this crisis.



**Chloe Eudaly**  
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All of Council is held responsible for the police. Therefore the whole Council needs to be involved in significant policy decisions, leading to more transparency, more public engagement, and more collaboration. Over the past twenty years, we have had five Mayors/Police Commissioners and ten Police Chiefs. It is clear to me that the challenges we face will not be solved by who's in charge, but a united, concerted effort by the entire Council to transform our approach to policing and public safety

Despite the multiple crises we're facing, I am optimistic that we can make progress with serving our homeless population. Metro's Housing Bond will help us create hundreds of new supportive housing units. The expanded Portland Street Response will deliver services and supports to homeless Portlanders experiencing mental health and addiction challenges. But we can't do this alone--we need the state and the federal government to make deep investments in solving our housing and homelessness crisis.

I have and will continue to prioritize limiting non-essential spending and preserving essential services and jobs. City employees have made shared sacrifices in furloughs and raise freezes. Despite these efforts, we will be facing programmatic and personnel cuts in upcoming budget conversations. I am striving to strike a balance between cost savings and resiliency, using the recession as a cautionary tale as the deep cuts the City made created challenges in our recovery phase.

# Troutdale City Mayor

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**Salary:** Unpaid

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What will be your top three priorities as a council member?

How can we address homelessness in our city in a way that helps the people who are houseless, while keeping our public spaces safe and accessible for everyone?



**David Ripma**  
*ripma.com*

As Mayor, I intend to continue good communication with councilors and the public. The council meetings will always be run fairly, so that all councilors and members of the public can participate. One of the best ways to reach out to citizens is Troutdale’s city newsletter, The Troutdale Champion. As Mayor I will always strive to cooperate with my fellow city councilors. I am known as a good listener. Integrity is a vital quality of those who serve. I hope voters elect people with integrity

Ensuring public safety in Troutdale is and always has been my number one priority. Troutdale (or any city) must be safe for all citizens and visitors for anything else good to happen. In order to maintain Troutdale’s livability and quality of life we need to manage growth carefully, attract quality business and residential development, and preserve our history. As Mayor, I will champion development of the Riverfront Renewal site. Financial sustainability requires growth and development.

Because Troutdale is surrounded by open and scenic lands that belong to other jurisdictions, Troutdale has to work with many different agencies to deal with homelessness. Those who are homeless tend to stay outside Troutdale, but near by. It is a challenge and Troutdale is not in a position, any more than other nearby cities, to resolve the issue. Troutdale cooperates with The Sheriff, the Forest Service and Oregon State Parks to deal with homeless problems and provide help to people in need.

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Randy Lauer**  
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# Troutdale City Councilor

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**Salary:** Unpaid

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## Position 2

**Laura Tils**  
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**Alison Caswell**  
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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

**Tim Erich**  
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Improvement of the city council requires a commitment to courteous interaction and the courage to deal openly with challenging issues. I believe that the atmosphere of the Troutdale City Council has been improving in recent years, and I would love to be a part of that trend.

While preserving our small-town atmosphere, I believe we must do whatever is feasible to continue responsible planning to ensure fiscal responsibility and encourage economic development. This is best accomplished through ongoing cooperation between government entities, collaboration of government and business, and continued positive citizen involvement.

Government exists to secure life, liberty, and property for its citizens. That is our purpose. Homelessness is a regional societal issue that is most intently felt locally. The challenge just migrates unless the whole metropolitan area deals with it compassionately and responsibly. I look forward to working with whoever is willing to address these issues and to help make our amazing little city even better!

## Position 4

**Paul Wilcox**  
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**Glen White**  
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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

## Position 6



**Sandy Glantz**  
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I will maintain an open mind entering into all discussions, maintain a professional approach toward fellow Council members, and actively listen and ask questions. I will be prepared for and engaged in meetings, and remember diverse ideas make for better outcomes. As a Planning Commissioner for the past 12 years, I know how to state my reasoning and concerns in a non-confrontational manner so that open dialogue and discussion are easy for others.

1. Protecting Troutdale’s neighborhoods and home values in light of the State’s HB2001 which basically eliminated the City’s ability to zone for single-family homes, Troutdale is not Portland and should have the right to plan our communities in a way that works for us. 2. Looking for ways to support families and businesses in Troutdale during COVID’s economic changes and challenges. 3. Maintain and promote balanced and affordable housing options.

If there was an easy answer to homelessness, it would be solved by now. The problem is that it’s not a single problem. Homelessness comes from economic conditions, mental health issues, societal issues (high rent burdens), and other causes as well. My first goal is to keep Troutdale residents safe from the tiny minority of homeless individuals who cause property and public safety issues. My second goal is to make sure adequate resources are available “” specifically for mental health issues.



## Troutdale City Councilor - *continued*

**Term: 4 Years**

**Salary: Unpaid**

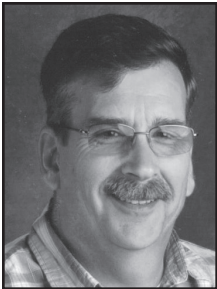
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### Position 6 - *continued*



**John Leamy**

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Our current council seems to have these traits but I would model and expect these traits out of my fellow council members.

Four projects I would like to help come to fruition; 1) development of the Confluence at Troutdale (formerly URA), 2) a new City Hall, 3) Main Streets type program (which would help make Troutdale a destination) and 4) give equal attention to all of Troutdale, not just the downtown area.

I would like to make sure Troutdale's portion of the metro homeless tax goes toward services for the homeless in our area. We need to find available shelter space but also provide needed programs and services to help bring stability back into their lives.

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# Wood Village City Councilor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** Unpaid

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What specifically would you do to improve transparency, collaboration and integrity on the city council?

What kind of leadership can you bring to the City and the City Council?

What do you see as the city's major needs and goals?

## Position 2

**Jairo Rios-Campos**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Patricia Smith**  
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Our Council meetings are televised and open to the public. There is nothing decided behind closed doors. Our budget is also available to the public and is audited every year. We expect everyone on the Council to be open and honest to all our citizens at all times. Even though we may disagree, when the voting is over, we are still all friends.

My leadership has always leaned toward thinking of the most economically challenged citizens of our town. Wood Village is the most diverse and also the lowest earning level of any city in Oregon. I always question any new mention of a new tax or fee for our citizens. I know what it is like to be poor. And I know what it is like to feed a family. Raising taxes is not the way to help people thrive, especially now. We must continue to be a mindful and frugal city, all inclusive and encompassing

We need to continue to meet the needs of our citizens and businesses in many diverse ways. We need to finish building City Hall. We need to attract more businesses to provide more services and jobs. We need to resist outside influences on our city that divides us as human beings. We need to keep our small town feeling and caring for each other.

## Position 3



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## Position 5

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