



VOTERS' PAMPHLET

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

SPECIAL ELECTION

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Make an impact. Vote local.

There will be a Special Election on Nov. 4, 2025. **This is not a county-wide election.** If you reside in the cities of Gladstone, Happy Valley, or Portland; the Sandy Fire District; or the Lake Oswego, Oregon Trail or West Linn – Wilsonville school districts; you are one of 126,000 voters that should expect a ballot in the mail. **Oct. 14 is the Voter Registration Deadline for this election.** Visit <u>oregonvotes.gov</u> to register to vote or update your information. For your convenience, our office will be open until 7 p.m. on Oct. 14. Ballots will be mailed out to all eligible voters the next day, on Oct. 15. **Please contact our office if you do not receive your ballot by Oct. 22.**

Sign up for Track Your Ballot! Visit <u>clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot</u>. Know exactly when your ballot is in the mail heading your way. This is an opt-in service that will alert you via text, phone, or email. After you vote and return your ballot, you'll be alerted when it has been accepted for counting.

Twenty-two Official Ballot Drop Sites are open. We will have 22 of our 26 official ballot drop sites open so that you can return your voted ballot to the nearest drop site in districts where there is an election. The Oak Lodge Library drop site has been moved to the new Oak Lodge Library/Concord Community Center located at 3783 SE Concord Rd. Find your nearest drop site at clackamas.us/elections. Return your voted ballot to an official ballot drop box by 8 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 4, 2025. If you choose to return your ballot by mail it must be postmarked on or before Election Day, Nov. 4, 2025, and received no later than 5 p.m., November 12. I recommend returning directly to an official ballot drop box after Friday, Oct. 31.

Two voter locations to serve you! Clackamas County Elections will open the Happy Valley Vote Center inside the Happy Valley Library (13793 SE Sieben Park Way) starting Oct. 20. Hours at the Happy Valley Vote Center and the Clackamas County Elections Office (1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100 in Oregon City) will be Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Where you live determines what is on your ballot. Not all contests or measures in the Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot and not all candidates may have submitted an optional statement. Candidate statements and measure arguments are printed as filed; no corrections to spelling or grammar are made, and the information is not verified for accuracy by the county.

Contact us at 503-655-8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u>. Visit <u>www.clackamas.us/elections/november-4-2025-special-election</u> for more information.

I am proud to be a part of Oregon's 25-year legacy of vote-by-mail, and this November also marks for me ten years of public service as an election administrator – a milestone that reminds me of how important every vote is. Make an impact by participating in your local elections.

Sincerely,

Catherine McMullen, Clackamas County Clerk

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Clackamas County Elections

Two locations to serve you!

Clackamas County Elections

County Elections Office 1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

Happy Valley Vote Center Open October 20 - Election Day, November 4

inside the Happy Valley Library 13793 SE Sieben Park Way Happy Valley, OR 97015

Hours at both locations:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Election Day, November 4, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

At each voter service location, citizens can:

- replace a lost or damaged ballot,
- update voter registration information,
- get voting assistance if you have a disability,
- get voting assistance in a preferred language,
- return your voted ballot,
- vote in person.

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Official Ballot Drop Sites

Twenty-two official ballot drop sites in Clackamas County are available to the public 24 hours a day from October 15, 2025 until 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, 2025.



*Drive-up ballot drop access

Boring

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

Damascus

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

Estacada

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

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

Gladstone

Gladstone Civic Center 18505 Portland Ave. Gladstone, OR 97027

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

Happy Valley Library 13793 SE Sieben Park Way Happy Valley, OR 97015

Lake Oswego

Lake Oswego City Hall* 380 A Ave. Lake Oswego, OR 97034 Lake Oswego - Westlake Park* 14165 Bunick Dr. Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Milwaukie / Oak Lodge

Clackamas CC - Harmony 7738 SE Harmony Road Milwaukie, OR 97222

Milwaukie City Hall 10501 SE Main St. Milwaukie, OR 97222

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

Oak Lodge Library/Concord Community Center* 3783 SE Concord Road Milwaukie, OR 97267

Oregon City

Clackamas County Clerk and Elections*

1710 Red Soils Ct. Oregon City, OR 97045

Clackamas CC - Oregon City* 19600 Molalla Ave.

Oregon City, OR 97045 (Box is located near the Tri-Met bus dropoff located in the Orange parking lot by Rook Hall)

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

Sandy

Sandy City Hall 39250 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy, OR 97055

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

Welches

Hoodland Public Library 24525 E Welches Road Welches, OR 97067

West Linn

West Linn City Hall 22500 Salamo Road West Linn, OR 97068

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

Wilsonville

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

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City of Gladstone Councilor, Position 5

Photo not submitted Portland State University, History, B.S History; Portland State

University, Education, M.eD

Education

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Return Your Ballot

by Election Day, November 4, 2025 8 p.m.

<u>Mail</u>: Stamps are **NOT** required! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Clackamas County Elections no later than 5 p.m., November 12.



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(This information furnished by Leaf Farley)

City of Gladstone Measure 3-627

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL
Annexes Gladstone into Clackamas Fire District for
Emergency Services

Question: Shall Gladstone be annexed into Clackamas Fire District for fire protection and emergency medical services?

Summary: If approved, this measure would annex the City into Clackamas Fire District, which currently provides fire and emergency medical services to Gladstone under a temporary contract that expires in June 2027.

Annexation would replace the temporary contract and provide permanent, district-level fire and EMS services to Gladstone. If approved, Gladstone residents could vote in District elections, serve on the District's board, and help shape District service level and funding decisions.

If annexed, Gladstone property owners will pay only the District's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value and not any District indebtedness that is outstanding at the time of annexation.

For the median assessed property in Gladstone, the cost of annexation is about \$7.30 per month more than the City currently pays for fire and EMS services, as the City will offset District taxes paid by property owners by reducing City tax collections in the amount currently appropriated to fire and EMS for an initial three year period.

If approved, annexation would be effective on July 1, 2026.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clackamas Fire District has provided fire and emergency medical services to the City of Gladstone since June 2022 under a temporary service contract, which expires in June 2027. Before the contract, Gladstone operated its own small fire department, which struggled to maintain full staffing and sufficient service levels.

In spring 2025, the City and District hosted a joint public meeting, community open houses, a survey, and a webinar. Based on community feedback, the City Council determined there is strong public interest in securing long-term, stable fire and EMS services. Accordingly, the Council referred this measure to the voters to propose annexation into the District. Annexation would replace the temporary contract for services, which is not guaranteed to be renewed when it expires.

Annexation would ensure long-term emergency response stability, expand local representation by allowing Gladstone voters to elect and serve as district board members, and provide access to the same service levels enjoyed by other nearby communities in the District, including Oregon City, Happy Valley, Oak Lodge and Milwaukie.

The Council also proposed annexation because the District has an Insurance Services Office Class 2 rating, which is higher than Gladstone's Class 4 rating. Improving the City's rating may reduce property owners' insurance costs.

If approved, property owners would pay taxes directly to Clackamas Fire for fire and EMS services. Property owners would pay only the District's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value and not any District indebtedness that is outstanding at the time of annexation. If annexation is approved, Gladstone residents will have the opportunity to vote on future District funding measures before being subject to

The cost difference between the Clackamas Fire permanent rate and what the City currently pays for emergency services is estimated to be \$0.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about

The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

\$7.30 per month for the median assessed home in Gladstone, as the City will offset District taxes paid by property owners by reducing City tax collections in the amount currently appropriated to fire and EMS for an initial three year period.

Annexation would provide a predictable funding structure, maintain professional firefighter staffing, and enhance regional coordination. Clackamas Fire would continue to operate out of the Gladstone Fire Station, which is among the busiest in Clackamas County, responding to more than 2,925 calls in 2024. Annexation ensures this station remains staffed 24/7 by at least three professional firefighters.

A "yes" vote supports annexation into Clackamas Fire District, which if approved would take effect on July 1, 2026.

A "no" vote would reject annexation. The City would receive fire and emergency services from the District through June 2027 but would need to determine how to provide such services after that date. This could include negotiating a new contract with Clackamas Fire or some other unknown and unfunded option. A new contract with Clackamas Fire is expected to cost at least as much as annexation, which could require higher city taxes or reductions to other services and capital projects.

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Bonds for Community Center

Question: Shall City provide a Community Center for people to gather; issue up to \$50 million in bonds?

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

Summary: If approved, the community center will be a place to gather, connect, recreate, swim and be active. Programs will be designed for families, seniors, youth, and those in-between.

Measure would finance capital costs to provide a community center and related site improvements.

Based on input received from the community, the community center is expected to include:

- · Recreation swimming pool
- Multi-purpose gymnasium
- · Indoor walking and jogging track
- · Community room with catering kitchen
- · Reservable gathering space
- · Weight and cardio spaces
- · Group exercise room
- · Space for childcare services

Approval of this measure authorizes issuance of a principal amount of \$50 million of general obligation bonds.

Estimated annual tax rate for bonds would be \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The median home with a market value of \$660,000 and corresponding assessed value of \$360,000, would pay approximately \$184 annually. Actual tax rate and amount may differ due to interest rates and changes in assessed value. Bonds may be issued in multiple series, each maturing within 26 years of issuance.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure asks if the City should provide a Community Center for people to gather and issue bonds, which along with \$20 million the City already saved for the project, would finance the facility and related site improvements.

Previous city-wide surveys have indicated a desire for a central location for the community to gather, connect, recreate, swim, and participate in sports and other activities.

The City proactively purchased 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue near the Scouters Mountain roundabout to be the location for the Community Center and a future park. To ensure the project would be shovel ready if this measure is approved, the City hired a design team to finalize the Community Center layout and design. Additionally, the City conducted a competitive process to select a Construction Manager / General Contractor to inform the design team on the constructability of the design, provide feedback on cost-effective strategies, and develop a construction timeline. Cost estimates have been provided by the contractor as well as an independent third-party cost evaluator. The purpose of these steps is to provide greater clarity on the City's ability to deliver the project, if approved by voters.

To inform the layout and design, the City gathered several focus groups, conducted multiple surveys, and established a Steering Committee of Happy Valley residents to provide input on what a future Community Center could include. Based on input received from the community, the community center is expected to include:

Recreation swimming pool

The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

- Multi-purpose gymnasium
- Indoor walking and jogging track
- · Community room with catering kitchen
- · Reservable gathering space
- · Weight and cardio spaces
- · Group exercise room
- · Space for childcare services

If approved, construction is expected to begin in the Spring 2026. Completion is targeted for early 2028.

Programs would be developed by the City Parks and Recreation team with input from the community. The City may seek partnerships with local recreation and fitness businesses to provide programs at the Community Center. Programs envisioned to be designed for families, seniors, youth, and those in-between.

The voter-approved Parks and Recreation Levy currently funds maintenance of existing parks and recreation programs but does not raise enough funds to provide a new Community Center.

If approved, this measure authorizes issuance of a principal amount of \$50 million of general obligation bonds to finance capital costs to provide a Community Center and related site improvements. Bond funds would be combined with over \$20 million the City has saved for this project and \$5 million the Oregon Legislature dedicated towards the project.

Estimated annual tax rate for bonds would be \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The median home in Happy Valley has a market value of \$660,000 and corresponding assessed value of \$360,000 which would pay approximately \$184 annually. Actual tax rate and amount may differ due to interest rates and changes in assessed value. Bonds may be issued in multiple series, each maturing within 26 years of issuance.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

YES on MEASURE 3-626: A Community Center for Happy Valley

Happy Valley is growing, and so are the needs of our families, seniors, and young people. Measure 3-626 is our chance to invest in a place that brings us together: the Happy Valley Community Center!

A Place for Residents to Connect

Most of all, this project is about togetherness. A community center will create an opportunity for residents to connect-to make new friends, strengthen bonds, and build memories close to home. In a world where people often feel isolated, Happy Valley has the chance to do something powerful: create a gathering place that unites us.

Health and Wellness Opportunities

The new community center will be designed around health and wellness programs that meet the needs of all ages and abilities. Imagine children building confidence through youth basketball leagues, teens finding belonging on a volleyball team, adults recharging in yoga or spin classes, and seniors staying active in low-impact exercise programs.

A World-Class Aquatic Center

The proposed aquatic center will provide **year-round opportunities for health, fitness, and fun.** Families can enjoy swimming lessons, water safety programs, and recreational pools, while seniors and adults benefit from low-impact exercise and lap swimming. It will be a welcoming, inclusive space that promotes wellness, community connection, and lifelong skills for residents of all ages.

Smart Financial Planning

At a cost to the average Happy Valley homeowner of about 51¢/day, this project is a no-brainer. Partly because of the City's judicious use of existing resources (including a \$20 million fund that must be used for recreation infrastructure) as well as a State match of \$5 million if this measure passes. Measure 3-626 is a well-planned opportunity we can't pass up!

JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 3-626!

Tom Ellis, Mayor
Josh Callahan, City Council President
David Golobay, City Councilor
Brett Sherman, City Councilor
Glenn Wachter, City Councilor

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES on 3-626

Help Build the Happy Valley Community Center!

An opportunity to invest directly in the health, safety, and future of our community!

By approving this measure, voters will fund the construction of a modern community center that offers something for everyone:

- Safe spaces for youth,
- · Programs and resources for families,
- Recreational opportunities for residents of all ages.

This project is about creating a place where neighbors can come together, connect, and thrive.

The proposed community center would include indoor recreation facilities, multipurpose rooms for classes and events, and dedicated spaces for seniors and youth. This ensures that Happy Valley families have affordable, local options for fitness, after-school programs, and cultural activities - reducing the need to travel outside the city for these services. A.strong community center also strengthens public safety by giving young people positive alternatives and by hosting programs that build resilience and well-being across generations.

Importantly, Measure 3-626 has been carefully designed with fiscal responsibility in mind. The bond includes a transparent plan for construction and operations, ensuring taxpayer dollars are used wisely. Independent oversight will guarantee accountability and that funds are spent only on what voters approved. For less than the cost of a monthly streaming subscription per household, the community gains a lasting public resource that will serve generations to come.

Happy Valley is growing rapidly, and now is the time to invest in the infrastructure that keeps our city vibrant and connected. By voting YES on Measure 3-626, we can build a place that reflects our values-family, community, and opportunity-while laying a strong foundation for the future. This is not just a building; it's a long-term investment in what makes Happy Valley a great place to live.

Vote YES on 3-626: Let's build our community together.

State Senator Mark Meek
State Representative April Dobson
Metro Councilor Christine Lewis
Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader
Happy Valley Mayor Tom Ellis

(This information furnished by Councilor Brett Sherman)

(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

SUPPORT 3-626: BUILD THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Happy Valley is a Special Place.

We're proud of our beautiful neighborhoods, our schools, and our growing community. But as our city expands, we are missing one important thing: a place that truly brings us together. Voting **YES** on the Happy Valley Community Center bond will give us that home.

Enriching our Community Life!

A community center will be where children learn to swim and play on their first basketball team, where parents can meet for a fitness class or a cup of coffee, and where grandparents can take part in activities that keep them active and connected. It will be the place where we gather for celebrations, cultural events, and the everyday moments that enrich our community life.

Valuing our City

Right now, many of us leave Happy Valley for these experiences. We drive to other towns for swim lessons, exercise programs, or even a simple meeting space. But why should families have to leave the city they love to connect with others? A community center will bring those opportunities here, giving us a welcoming space designed for everyone.

An Opportunity for Residents to Connect

Most of all, this project is about togetherness. A community center will create **an opportunity for residents to connect**-to make new friends, strengthen bonds, and build memories close to home. In a world where people often feel isolated, Happy Valley has the chance to do something powerful: create a gathering place that unites us.

Investing in Us!

When we invest in a community center, we're investing in more than a building. We're investing in our families, our neighbors, and the future of Happy Valley. Let's build a place where everyone belongs.

Please vote **YES** for the Happy Valley Community Center bond.

Together, we can make Happy Valley not just where we live, but where we come together.

Your neighbors,

Karen Hubbard (former nurse and community volunteer)

Matt Utterback (former NCSD Superintendent)

(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES on 3-626

Help Build the Happy Valley Community Center!

As a community, we love what a great place Happy Valley is to raise our families. But our town could be even better if we pass 3-626!

The Community Center will provide many different activities to keep kids active and entertained ALL YEAR ROUND, RAIN OR SHINE.

The community center will have AN INDOOR POOL, meeting spaces, A GYMNASIUM, classrooms, and ARTS AND CRAFTS area that will provide fun and learning opportunities to our KIDS OF ALL AGES in our community.

Keeping kids active is easy when the sun is shining, but when the weather turns ugly, it can be a struggle to find ways to get their wiggles out. The Community Center will offer an array of options for entertainment and exercise when it's gray and rainy outside.

If you have kids like we do, PLEASE VOTE YES ON 3-626 to make Happy Valley the absolute best community in Oregon to raise a family!!!

Sincerely,

David and Susie Emami Meagan and Jordan Fogle Brian and Heidi Schapansky

(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES on 3-626

Build A Community Center for Happy Valley Seniors

As Senior Citizens and longtime residents of Happy Valley, we love the safe, cozy, and friendly community where we've chosen to spend our retirement years.

We hope you will join us in voting YES ON 3-626 to fund construction of the Community Center to benefit us and our fellow retirees.

Seniors in assisted living communities have access to lots of social enrichment activities planned by the facility. But folks who prefer to live independently don't currently have nearby and affordable access to a range of classes and exercise opportunities in Happy Valley.

The long-planned Community Center will include cardio machines, a weight room, group exercise classrooms, spaces for continuing education classes, as well as a pool and possibly an indoor walking track.

Happy Valley plans to pursue participation in the Silver Sneakers program. If approved, folks like us on Medicare will get free memberships to the Community Center exercise facilities and programs. Staying active physically, mentally, and socially is the best way to preserve quality of life for older adults. The Community Center is a place we can do that year-round when it's too hot, too cold, or too smoky to be outside.

The Community Center will be a hub for those of us who want to socialize, exercise, learn, and give back to the city that we love.

Please join us in VOTING YES ON 3-626

BUILD THE HAPPY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Signed,

Shelley Fenton Retired Happy Valley Resident

Rodger Sanman

Resident of The Springs at Happy Valley

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

********* HAPPY VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER: Smart financial planning

We have an opportunity to invest directly in the health, safety, and future of our community, and thanks to smart financial planning, costs are kept low!

Cost to the average Happy Valley homeowner**51¢** / dáy

HOW WERE THEY ABLE TO KEEP COSTS SO LOW? A few items:

- 1. The Community Center will be built on land that the City already owns, in order to minimize real
- 2. If this measure passes, the State Legislature will provide matching funds of \$5 million! (SB 5531, Section 37)
- 3. The City has already banked \$20 million to go towards this project that must be used for recreational facilities.
- 4. By keeping the City's tax burden relatively low and paying for projects on a pay-as-they-go model, they minimize waste and improve oversight.

Not every city in the region would be able to finance such a well-appointed project at such a low rate, but Happy Valley's careful planning, prudent management, and cooperation with other governmental partners has led to a great deal: Measure 3-626.

Let's not leave money on the table - vote YES on 3-626 and let's finally build a community center where residents can connect!

Jim Syring, Retired Firefighter Lizbeth Hale, Real Estate Agent Lisa Tompkins, Homebuilder

(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES on 3-626

Dear Fellow Residents,

Happy Valley has grown rapidly, but our city still lacks a central place for families, seniors, and neighbors to come together. Voting **YES** on the Happy Valley Community Center bond will give us a much-needed gathering place that serves residents of all ages.

At the heart of the project is a modern **aquatics center** and **sports complex** with space for swim lessons, fitness programs, and team sports. It will provide year-round opportunities for exercise and wellness, while giving kids a safe place to learn lifesaving water skills. Parents won't need to drive out of-town for these services; our community will finally have them right here at home.

The center will also include **affordable childcare services** and **youth programs**, supporting busy families who need reliable options close to home. From after-school care to early learning programs, the facility will ease the daily challenges many parents face while providing enriching activities for children.

Equally important are the **community spaces** designed for gatherings, classes, and cultural events. Whether you want to host a birthday party, attend a workshop, or join a club, this center will create **an opportunity for residents to connect** and strengthen the ties that make Happy Valley special.

This is an investment not just in a building, but in people. By creating a safe, inclusive, and accessible hub for recreation, learning, and connection, we are building a stronger, healthier, and more united community.

Please join your neighbors in voting **YES** for the Happy Valley Community Center bond. Together, we can create a place where everyone belongs.

Your neighbors,

Coleen Salsbery

Marchelle and Mike Paholsky

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES on 3-626

Create Athletic Opportunity for Happy Valley Youth!

As parents of athletes, we know there simply aren't enough venues for INDOOR YOUTH SPORTS in Happy Valley. We frequently travel to other communities to use their facilities and as non-residents we sometimes can't access courts, classes, or clinics our kids deserve.

Your YES vote on 3-626 will fund a modern gymnasium, along with exercise facilities and changing rooms to enable indoor sports training and competition in Happy Valley all year long.

The Community Center will ensure that our kids and their peers have FULL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE in sports.

The Community Center will be an important GATHERING PLACE for sports competitions and community events and ensure that Happy Valley children can participate in youth sports on an equal footing with their Clackamas County peers.

(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

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Vote YES on Measure 3-626!

Happy Valley is one of the fastest-growing communities in Oregon, but we still lack a central place dedicated to health, recreation, and connection. Voting **YES on the Happy Valley Community Center bond** is an investment in the well-being of every resident, from toddlers to seniors.

The new community center will be designed around health and wellness programs that meet the needs of all ages and abilities. Imagine children building confidence through youth basketball leagues, teens finding belonging on a volleyball team, adults recharging in yoga or spin classes, and seniors staying active in low-impact exercise programs. A facility like this doesn't just promote fitness - it improves quality of life across generations.

Today, families like ours often drive to other cities for access to team sports, aquatics, or fitness classes. With a community center right here in Happy Valley, residents will no longer need to leave town to find opportunities for healthy activity. By keeping resources local, we strengthen our community, reduce barriers to participation, and create an opportunity for residents to connect in meaningful ways.

The benefits go beyond recreation. A thriving community center promotes preventive health, helping lower long-term medical costs and supporting mental well-being through social interaction and stress relief. Seniors can stay healthier and more independent; children can develop lifelong habits of activity; busy parents can find convenient programs close to home.

Every dollar invested in this project brings long-term returns: healthier families, stronger neighborhoods, and a more connected community.

Please join your neighbors in voting **YES** for the Happy Valley Community Center bond. Together, we can build a place that keeps our city active, engaged, and united for decades to come.

Best regards from your neighbors,

Ann Bilderback Diane Swagerty
James Finders Denise Pfister

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on Measure 3-626

VOTE NO ON HAPPY VALLEY'S \$50 MILLION RECREATION CENTER

Happy Valley wants you to pay for a \$50 million community center. It's a terrible deal for taxpayers.

A recreation center with a pool and gym is a <u>luxury</u>, not essential like police or roads.

In this economy, we cannot afford luxuries.

Forcing every property owner to pay decades of debt for a non-essential project is wrong.

The city has already saved over \$20 million for this project, proving they have other options. They should use private partnerships and user fees, <u>not a mandatory property tax.</u>

Even worse, this creates a <u>huge hidden cost</u>. The \$50 million bond only pays to build it. It provides **ZERO money to run it**—no staff, no utilities, no maintenance.

This is a classic government scam: get taxpayers to pay for the shiny new building, then come back later demanding more taxes to operate it.

This new tax will cost the owner of an average home \$184 every year for decades. With families facing rising costs everywhere, this is the wrong priority.

Tell the city to focus on essential services. **VOTE NO** on Measure 3-626.

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(This information furnished by Brett Sherman, Friends of HV Community)

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

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

A no vote on Happy Valley Measure 3-626 is a vote against a massive and unnecessary tax increase that will burden residents for decades. While a community center sounds appealing, the reality is that taxpayers will be on the hook for a 25-year-long bond with serious financial downsides. The project's proponents use a "taxed assessed value" that is misleadingly low, obscuring the true cost to homeowners. The potential for future tax increases to grow in line with property values means this bond is not a one-time, fixed cost, but a long-term financial commitment.

This measure funds little more than a glorified gym. For a 25-year financial burden, residents should expect a truly transformative community amenity, not just a standard recreation facility. The proposed center offers few features that warrant such a significant and prolonged tax increase. Happy Valley would be better off without this expensive, oversized recreation project.

Furthermore, residents will be forced to pay twice for this facility. Taxpayers will cover the construction costs and then pay ongoing fees for maintenance, operations, and the use of the facilities. This is a double tax that forces residents to fund construction through property taxes and then pay membership fees to access a center they already paid for. The burden of this expensive, poorly justified project should not fall on taxpayers. Vote no on 3-626.

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-626

Voting Tips



Your Vote Counts!

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the November 4, 2025 Special Election.

Make a plan to vote.

- Do you know where you will receive your ballot? Is your registration up-to-date?
- When will you vote? Ballots are mailed to voters October 15 and are due Election Day, November 4, 2025 by 8 p.m.
- How will you return your ballot?

By Mail - Must be postmarked by Election Day, November 4. No stamp required.

By Official Ballot Drop Box -Must be deposited by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 4.

Don't forget to sign!

Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be verified and counted.

Questions?

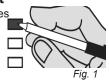
Contact Clackamas County Elections 503-655-8510 | elections@clackamas.us clackamas.us/elections

(This information furnished by Kathryn Swazo)

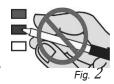
Voting Instructions

1. Vote your Official Ballot

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



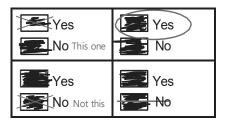
Remember: If you vote for more than the number of candidates allowed for an office, or you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote for the candidate or measure will not count. [Figure 2]



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

If you make a mistake

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



2. Review your Official Ballot

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

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

3. Return your Official Ballot

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

Remember: Read and sign the Voter's Statement on the Return

Ballot Envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if the Return Ballot Envelope is not signed.

By Mail: Stamps are not required to mail your

Return Ballot Envelope. Please mail it as soon as possible; it must be postmarked by

Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Ballots postmarked by the deadline must also be received by Clackamas County Elections no later than 5 p.m.,

November 12.

In Person: Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot

Envelope to any official ballot drop site no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Voter Assistance

We can help!

Voters with Disabilities



Do you need assistance registering to vote or voting? Support services and tools are available to ensure voting access for all.

Interpretation Assistance



Do you need assistance voting in a language other than English? Interpretation services are available.

Please contact us at 503-655-8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u> for any voter assistance needs.

City of Portland Measure 26-260

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY CITY COUNCIL

Maintain safe parks, nature, affordable recreation through 5-year levy

Question: Should Portland maintain parks, recreation, fund repairs; five-year levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: In 2020, City of Portland voters approved a five-year levy to support parks and recreation operations that expires in 2025. If a new levy is not approved, the Parks operating budget would be reduced by approximately half, resulting in fewer programs and services.

A new five-year levy would maintain operations, fund capital projects:

ENSURE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS MAINTENANCE AND CLEANLINESS

- · Daily restroom cleaning, trash pickup
- · Routine maintenance, minor repairs
- Repair or renovate facilities like playgrounds, restrooms, pools
- · Park ranger safety patrols, incident responses

PROTECT NATURE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

- Plant, maintain trees
- · Preserve natural areas, trails, water quality, wildlife habitat
- Clear brush, maintain emergency access routes to reduce wildfire risk

PRESERVE PROGRAM ACCESS

- Continue free, discounted recreation programs for families experiencing poverty
- Preserve classes, community center hours, arts and cultural centers, parks, pools

Community oversight committee would review levy expenditures, provide annual reports. Independent audit required.

A median homeowner would pay about \$310 per year, or \$26 per month - a \$11 monthly increase.

Levy would raise approximately \$86,268,997 in 2026–2027, \$88,719,730 in 2027–2028, \$91,411,705 in 2028–2029, \$93,588,449 in 2029–2030, and \$96,068,483 in 2030–2031, for a total of \$456,057,364.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to levy \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years to operate the parks and recreation system, replacing and increasing the rate of the current \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value levy that expires after fiscal year 2025-2026. Within the \$1.40 per \$1,000 assessed value levy, \$1.37 will be for park and recreation operations and \$0.03 will be for capital projects. Services and programs are

planned to include, but are not limited to:

 Fix park playgrounds, pools and splash pads, restrooms, and other facilities in need of critical repairs.

The levy will continue offering:

- Daily restroom cleaning and trash pick-up at every developed park.
- Summer events and Free Lunch & Play programs, Free for All free movies, concerts.
- Inspection of every developed park tree, performing proactive maintenance on park trees to prioritize public

The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

safety.

 Additional ongoing daily work in parks, natural areas, trails, and community centers, including:

Safety

- Supporting safety with hazard checks in parks and natural areas, Park Ranger patrols, incident response, and nighttime lock-up of facilities.
- Performing wildfire prevention through brush clearing, tree pruning, removing invasive species and other hazards, and maintaining emergency access routes.

Regular Maintenance

- Inspecting park assets like playgrounds, pathways, trails, bridges, and community centers.
- Repairing park assets and performing routine maintenance like painting, carpentry, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing work.
- Improving safety, accessibility, and year-round usability of park paths and trails through repairs and hazards removal.

Nature

- Supporting our environment through planting native species, improving wildlife habitat, stabilizing slopes, and taking care of assets like signs, gates, fences, culverts, bridges.
- Planting new trees in low-canopy areas.

Affordable Programs

- Providing free and low-cost options so every Portlander, regardless of income, can participate.
- Keeping community centers and pools open with diverse programming and classes.

Investment in partnerships to deliver services, programs, and community initiatives, including through access to PP&R facilities for partner-provided programming. Unlock the power of volunteers and collaboration with local and regional groups to improve safety, sustainability, connectivity, and long-term stewardship in Portland's parks and recreation system.

A community oversight committee will be appointed to review levy expenditures, data, and minimum performance metrics and report annually to City Council as part of the budget process. The Parks Bureau will provide for a performance audit to ensure that services funded by the levy would continue to be consistent with voter intent.

The City estimates that the levy tax rate of \$1.40/\$1,000 assessed value would cost the median residential property approximately \$11 per month over the current levy (or \$26 per month), raising approximately \$86 million in the first year with an estimated average of \$91 million raised annually over five years. If a new levy is not approved, the Parks operating budget would be reduced by approximately half, resulting in fewer programs and services.

Submitted by:

Elana Pirtle-Guiney, Portland City Council President City of Portland

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

City of Portland Measure 26-260

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Let's Keep Our Parks Clean, Safe, and Open for Everyone.

Parks are where Portlanders come together. They're where we meet friends for a walk, where our kids learn to swim, where seniors stay active, where families gather on sunny days, and where nature thrives in the heart of our city.

But right now, the parks we love are at risk. Without Measure 26-260, Portland Parks & Recreation will lose nearly **half its budget**. That would mean closed community centers, locked pool gates, neglected natural areas, and the loss of free and low-cost programs that thousands of Portland families rely on.

Measure 26-260 provides essential funding to keep our parks open and thriving. It will:

- Keep playgrounds safe, pools open, bathrooms clean, and trails clear with daily maintenance and safety checks.
- Fund **free and low-cost programs** so every Portlander can participate.
- Protect our natural areas with tree planting, wildfire prevention, and habitat restoration.
- Ensure accountability through independent audits and a community oversight committee.

This levy is not just about parks — it's about Portland's quality of life. When our parks are clean, safe, and welcoming, our entire community is stronger.

Join the growing coalition of labor unions, environmental advocates, businesses, community groups, and neighbors across the city who are voting **YES on Measure 26-260** to keep Portland's parks open, clean, green, and thriving.

Vote YES for Portland's Parks! Vote YES for Measure 26-260!

Laborers' International Union of North America Local 483

League of Women Voters of Portland
Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Portland Metro Chamber
Portland Parks Foundation
The Intertwine Alliance
Trust for Public Land

Candace Avalos, Portland City Councilor Jamie Dunphy, Portland City Councilor Mark Gamba, Oregon State Representative Hoa Nguyen, Oregon State Representative Loretta Smith, Portland City Councilor Rob Wagner, Oregon State Senator Keith Wilson, Portland Mayor

And many more! Visit <u>PortlandersforParks.org</u> for the full list of endorsers.

(This information furnished by Tony Morse, Portlanders for Parks)



Signature Required! Postmarks Count! No stamps needed!

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- Signed,
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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Bonds to improve safety, security; update classrooms, capacity; modernize facilities

Question: Shall District maintain current estimated bond tax rate, issue bonds to improve safety, repair schools; expand classrooms, career/technical education?

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

Summary: This measure is expected to maintain current estimated Lake Oswego School District bond levy rate and authorizes \$245 million in principal amount of bonds to finance capital costs, including:

Safe, Secure Schools:

Update fire alarm systems

Standardize secure classroom doors

Install hardened glass

Expand security camera coverage

Upgrade emergency communication systems

Improve seismic structural resilience

Replace Two Oldest Schools

Replace Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary Schools. Built in 1940s, plumbing is embedded in concrete, and foundations cannot support seismic strengthening.

Improve Aging Facilities

Upgrade roofs, windows, HVAC, plumbing, electrical systems

Update recreation facilities

Acquire furnishings, equipment, technology

Modern Learning Environments

Expand Science Technology Education Math (STEM), Career and Technical Education (CTE) spaces at both high schools

Purchase property, remodel for Community Transition Program

Add classrooms to meet demand at Palisades

Requires community oversight, regular audits

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, each maturing within 26 years. Estimated not to increase bond rate above \$2.90 per \$1,000 assessed value. Actual levy rates may differ due to interest rates and property value changes.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Lake Oswego School District (LOSD) serves approximately 6,800 students across 11 schools and is consistently recognized among Oregon's top-performing K-12 education systems, according to Niche.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN SCHOOLS

This bond measure represents the final phase of a three-part initiative to build safe, modern, and resilient schools in Lake Oswego.

Projected to Maintain Current Tax Rate

If approved, the \$245 million bond is projected to maintain LOSD's current estimated bond tax rate of \$2.90 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. No increase in the bond tax rate is anticipated.

ADDRESS CURRENT NEEDS

• Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Several schools would receive safety improvements, including new fire alarm systems, secure classroom doors, expanded security camera coverage, emergency communication upgrades, and hardened glass window installations. The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

Aging Infrastructure

Many school buildings are several decades old and rely on outdated systems. Roofs, windows, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems would be repaired or replaced to support healthy, safe, and efficient operations.

• Oldest Schools Replacements

Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary Schools, built in the 1940s, have obsolete systems and deteriorating infrastructure, including plumbing embedded in concrete and foundations that cannot be seismically upgraded. Replacements would be less costly than major repairs.

Learning Space Capacity

Lakeridge and Lake Oswego High Schools would receive expanded and upgraded classrooms for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) and Career and Technical Education (CTE). Palisades Elementary would receive additional classrooms to support growing enrollment. Community Transition Program, which supports students with developmental delays preparing for independent living, would receive a dedicated facility.

2025 BOND REQUEST

Developed in collaboration with community representatives, this bond proposal is designed to address current needs while maintaining LOSD's current estimated bond tax rate.

If passed, the bond would fund:

Health, Safety, and Security Improvements

- · Update fire alarm systems
- Install secure classroom doors and hardened glass windows
- · Expand security camera coverage
- Upgrade emergency communication systems
- Add seismic reinforcements to Level 4 "Immediate Occupancy" standards

Facility Preservation and Upgrades

- Improve roof, window, HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems
 - · Restore physical activity facilities
 - Replace deficient furnishings, equipment, and technology

Oldest Elementary Schools Replacements

 Rebuild Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary Schools at current sites

Learning Space Expansions

- Add STEM/ CTE classrooms at both high schools
- Purchase and remodel a facility for Community Transition Program
- · Add classrooms at Palisades Elementary

OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Bond funds may only be used for voter-approved projects. Oversight includes:

- · A citizen-led Bond Accountability Committee
- · Regular audits and quarterly expenditure reports
- Monitoring by the Lake Oswego School Board
- Compliance with bond program objectives and state law

COSTS

Bonds may be issued in series, each maturing within 26 years. While the LOSD's total bond tax rate is estimated to remain at \$2.90 per \$1,000 of assessed value, actual rates may vary based on interest rates and assessed property values.

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

YES ON MEASURE 3-628 – RENEW THE LO SCHOOL BOND

SAFE - SECURE - RESILIENT LO SCHOOLS!

NO NEW TAXES

Measure 3-628 is a critical investment in ensuring every student learns in a safe, well-maintained, and disaster-ready environment.

Safe, Secure Schools

- Improved door locks, safety glass, and emergency systems and expanding camera coverage to protect students and staff.
- Replacing outdated fire alarms to ensure quick response.

Earthquake Preparedness

 Continues seismic reinforcements to help protect students and staff when disaster strikes.

Resilient Schools

 Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary were built in the 1940s and are potentially one storm or earthquake away from closure. Their foundations cannot be strengthened for earthquakes. Plumbing is buried in concrete. This bond replaces them before a costly emergency shutters schools.

Safe, Resilient Schools benefit our whole community!

 Our schools are valuable community assets and hubs. Seismic improvements create resilient buildings that can serve as neighborhood shelters.

The Bond does NOT raise property taxes. This bond replaces the expiring 2000 bond so the tax rate remains the same! A citizen accountability board will ensure completion on time and on budget.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 3-628.

Parents and Neighbors

Lauren Adler

Teresa Aguilera Shelley Aisner Jamie Anderson Brian Bice Lindsey Boccia Lauren Breithaupt Daniel Brown Adrienne Butzer Vicki Chambers Julie Chandler Jenny Cherrytree Michael Donohue Michael Dotten Molly Ducker Michelle Ericson Genevieve L. Ford Eloise Gibson Paula Gore Heather Graves-Ramsey Wayne Ha Connie Harrell Michael Harrison Kristin Hutchinson Nicole Imatani Dawn Irwin Mona Kelleher Deanne Knipple Sarah Lavoie Robert LeChevallier Susan Linnerooth Amy Longeteig Linda Mathes

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(This information furnished by Erin Quandt)

Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-628

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

A Message from the Lake Oswego School Board

As your elected **Lake Oswego School Board**, we **unanimously** placed this bond on the ballot because **Lake Oswego students deserve safe**, **modern schools**. By voting YES on Measure 3-628, we can provide safe, resilient schools that are ready for learning for generations to come—without raising taxes.

Why are we asking for your vote on Measure 3-628?

- No Tax Increase -- This bond keeps rates steady while funding critical school improvements. The rate you pay today stays the same.
- rate you pay today stays the same.

 Improves Safety, Security & Resiliency -Upgrades fire alarms, door locks, emergency
 systems, and building accessibility to protect
 students and staff. Seismic improvements
 create resilient buildings that become community
 shelters.
- Repairs Failing Infrastructure -- From leaking roofs and aging HVAC to obsolete fire alarms, this bond addresses urgent repairs across the district.
- Builds Modern Classrooms -- Funds flexible spaces for STEM, world languages, career-technical education, and inclusive programs like the Community Transition Program.
- Replaces Our Oldest Schools Before It's Too Late - Forest Hills and Lake Grove Elementary, built in the 1940s, are at risk due to outdated plumbing, heating, and foundations that cannot be repaired. This bond replaces both schools before a crisis forces emergency closures.

A Smart, Responsible Investment

- No Tax Rate Increase -- This bond replaces expiring ones, keeping the tax rate flat.
- Delays = Higher Costs -- Waiting means more expensive emergency repairs and rising construction prices.
- Oversight Built In -- Includes citizen oversight and independent audits for full transparency.
- Completes the Plan -- This is the third phase of a 3-term, on-time, on-budget facilities strategy.

Vote YES on Measure 3-628 to Renew the LO School Bond!

- Kirsten Aird
- Brian Bills
- Neelam Gupta
- Katherine Lupton
- John Wallin
- Nathan Ko ('25-'26 student board representative)
- Max Koegler ('25-'26 student board representative)
- Drishti Singh ('24-'25 student board representative)
- Jonathan Lufkin ('24-'25 student board representative)

(This information furnished by Kirsten Aird, Lake Oswego School Board)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

The Lake Oswego Education Association - your teachers - stand united in support of MEASURE 3-628.

Lake Oswego is a community that values its ability to provide an outstanding education to all of its students; this commitment to excellence has gained our district statewide recognition for student success in graduation rates, college acceptance, and career readiness.

This dedication to education is part of what makes Lake Oswego a desirable community in which to live, work, and study.

Ten years ago, the Lake Oswego School District committed to a three-bond program of renovating and replacing our aging facilities to match the quality of the education provided inside the buildings.

Measure 3-628 will fund the replacement of our two oldest elementary schools, expand STEM and CTE spaces at our high schools, add classrooms at our world language school, and provide safety and technology infrastructure upgrades districtwide.

Completion of these projects will result in buildings that are safe, healthy, and innovative – schools where students and teachers can thrive.

This bond is an investment in our community and collective future.

A vote for the bond helps to protect our education workforce by preserving general fund dollars for teachers.

Please stand united with the educators who work day-in and day-out to provide a high-quality education at every grade level throughout the Lake Oswego School District and vote YES on Measure 3-628.

And, our Educators Who Live and Raise Children in LO Schools

Jill Crawford

Brigitte Dennett

Molly Durrett

Ryan Durrett

Breck Foster

Megan Finley

Monica Glumbik Michael Goldsmith

Kelly Hutchison

Dr. Bill Korach (Retired)

Dr. Ricky Korach (Retired)

Robin Dornfeld Lindsey

Lois Moll

Willow Myrland

Anne Nudelman

Jamie Ohr

Wendy Olsen Renee Santana

Christine Surratt

Kate Urbanski

Kari Wheat

(This information furnished by Amy Ryan, Lake Oswego Education Association)

Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-628

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Renew the LO Bond! **Building a Better Education for Every LO Student**

We are elected leaders, community members and organizations urging you to vote YES to renew the LO School Bond.

A great school system and a thriving community go hand in hand. This bond isn't just about repairs—it's about preparing students for a brighter future. Safe, modern classrooms help kids focus, learn, and succeed.

Education is evolving, and to ensure our kids have the best opportunities—whether college or career—we must invest in innovative, high-demand programs.

A YES vote delivers:

- Expanded classrooms for STEM and CTE at Lakeridge and Lake Oswego High Schools.
- Additional classrooms at Palisades Elementary to support enrollment.
- A dedicated facility for the Community Transition Program, which helps students with developmental delays prepare for independent living.

Let's give our students a leg up—without raising taxes. Vote YES to Renew the LO Bond: Safe, Resilient Schools.

Elected Leaders (Current and Former):

- Andrea Salinas, United States Representative
- Rob Wagner, State Senator and Oregon Senate President (Former LO School Board)
- Daniel Nguyen, State Representative
- Linda Brown, Chair, Clackamas Education
- Service District (Former LO School Board)

 Laurie Cremona Wagner, Portland Community College Board
- Bob Barman (Former LO School Board)
- Liz Hartman (Former LO School Board) Sarah Howell (Former LO School Board)
- Sara Pocklington (Former LO School Board)

Organizations:

- Lake Corporation
- Democratic Party of Clackamas County
- Arts Council of Lake Oswego

(This information furnished by Heather Graves-Ramsey)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Lake Oswego City Council unanimously urges YES vote on Measure 3-628 A smart, responsible investment in our local schools!

As the elected leaders representing Lake Oswego, we recognize that our city's top-rated school district is a vital part of our community and one of the key reasons why families choose to live here.

We hear from community members every day how our public education positively impacts our local economy, neighborhoods, and our quality of life.

The strength of our school district is made possible by the local community's support for educational facilities and programs that enable our students to learn, grow, and thrive.

A vote to pass the Lake Oswego School Bond is an investment in our local public schools – the foundation of a thriving, prosperous, equitable community.

This measure continues the commitment to financial responsibility: because it replaces an expiring bond, this bond measure will result in no tax increase.

This is the third phase of the school district's threephase plan to upgrade its buildings. The previous two bonds have funded new and upgraded schools, all of which were **built on time and on budget**, overseen by a citizen accountability committee.

The bond replaces the district's two oldest schools and improves safety, security, and resiliency in buildings across the district. It builds new spaces for STEM and career education at both high schools.

As your elected representatives, we know that Lake Oswego treasures the education of our young people and that it is vital to the future of our great city.

Please join us in supporting Measure 3-628 to keep Lake Oswego an amazing place to live.

Mayor Joe Buck

Councilor Ali Afghan

Councilor Trudy Corrigan

Councilor Massene Mboup

Councilor Aaron Rapf

Councilor Rachel Verdick

Councilor John Wendland

Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-628

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Vote Yes for Sustainable, Efficient & Resilient Schools!

The Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, Friends of Waluga Park, and their members are voting YES on the Lake Oswego School Bond.

As citizens of Lake Oswego who work to ensure an economically, ecologically, and socially healthy community, we strongly encourage a **YES vote on Measure 3-628.**

<u>Sustainability is a core value of the Lake Oswego School District.</u>

This is evident in the district's commitment to build resilient, efficient, innovative buildings in which our students can learn and thrive. You don't need to look further than the schools they have recently built.

The new Lakeridge Middle School, Lake Oswego Middle School, and River Grove Elementary are inspiring learning spaces built to withstand extreme weather and seismic events. Beyond their cutting-edge infrastructure, these schools help teach students and the broader community about sustainability, innovation, and the importance of environmental stewardship.

Our new schools are a testament to what is possible when we invest in forward-thinking design and resilient infrastructure.

Passage of the 2025 bond ensures that the Lake Oswego School District will continue to be a leader in sustainable construction. The district's two oldest elementary schools – Lake Grove and Forest Hills – will be rebuilt to the same seismic and energy-efficient standards as the previous schools. These new schools will be safe, comfortable, and technologically advanced, serving the needs of our students and community for decades to come.

Since this bond replaces an expiring bond, there will be **no tax increase if this bond passes.** The energy-efficient design will **save money over the long term**, freeing operational funds to be spent in the classroom.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 3-628.

Lisa Adatto
Dorothy Fisher Atwood
Alan Bates
Linda Ganzini
Tammi Olund
Stephanie H. Wagner
Kathleen Fox Wiens

Friends of Waluga Park

(This information furnished by Courtney A. Clements, Building Great Lake Oswego Schools)

(This information furnished by Joe Buck)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

LOCAL BUSINESS SAY YES TO THE BOND!

The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 450 local Lake Oswego businesses, endorses the Lake Oswego School District bond measure 3-628 to improve safety and security, make seismic upgrades, update classrooms, and modernize facilities.

An investment in our schools is an investment in our community.

Strong schools build strong communities and benefit everyone, including businesses within the community. Excellent public schools are necessary for building and retaining Lake Oswego's quality workforce and preparing our students for success in a rapidly changing economy. The continuation of the bond for the ongoing improvements and updates to schools is necessary, and modernizing learning environments to address future workforce needs is vital to this community.

Accountability for every dollar spent.

As business owners, we understand the importance of monitoring the bottom line. The projects funded by the last two bonds have been completed on time and on budget. Community leaders will continue to provide oversight, ensuring that bond dollars will be spent in the manner intended by the voters.

No tax increase.

Passage of Measure 3-628 will NOT raise property taxes. This bond replaces an expiring bond, so there will be **no tax increase**.

Our business community benefits from good schools. We support providing a dedicated facility for the Community Transition Program, which educates students with developmental delays.

The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce continues to support the school district as it delivers the best public education in Oregon.

Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, representing 450 local businesses

- Liz Hartman, CEO / Secretary

Lake Oswego School District Measure 3-628

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation urges you to vote YES on Measure 3-628
Safe, resilient schools ready for learning with WITH NO TAX INCREASE!

We are proud to be part of the enduring Lake Oswego tradition of investing in our schools.

Our work as the Lake Oswego Schools Foundation focuses on providing critical funding for teachers—the professionals who educate, inspire, and prepare our children for the future. But great teachers need great spaces to teach, and safe, modern facilities are essential to student success.

Importantly, the 2025 bond ensures that funding for building improvements will not come from the school district's general fund.

This protects dollars that would otherwise have to be diverted from classrooms and teaching positions—keeping more resources directly supporting students.

The 2025 bond will fund the rebuilding of our two oldest elementary schools—Forest Hills and Lake Grove—along with additional STEM and CTE upgrades at our high schools, as well as a rebuilt Community Transitions Program building. These investments will provide 21st-century learning opportunities and ensure safety for all members of our community.

In 2017 and 2021, Lake Oswego voters said YES to the first two phases of rebuilding and renovating our schools. These investments have transformed learning spaces into modern, resilient environments where students can thrive. The 2025 bond represents the final phase of this vital work.

<u>Please join us in continuing this legacy of excellence. Vote YES on Measure 3-628.</u>

The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Board

The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Board Laura Coyle, President Lindsey Barney Mark Birge Surinder Chauhan Sara Hasan Rachel Hogan Howard Huang John Kochavatr Kevin Koomalsingh Angela Moneyhan Jeremy Myrland Cory Rudolph Melissa Williams

(This information furnished by Liz Hartman, Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce)

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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD Bonds to improve aging building systems, increase safety, improve recreation.

Question: Shall District improve factilies: HVAC, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, learning environment, recreation, access, safety; and issue \$172.2 million general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Oregon Trail School District No. 46 would receive \$6,126,000 State matching grant if bonds are approved.

If approved, bonds would fund capital costs, including:

Repair and replace building infrastructure including roofs, siding, HVAC, electrical and plumbing

Enhance learning environments by removing aging portables, providing classroom space, and updating science and specialist classrooms

Improve/ add recreation opportunities including turf fields, playgrounds pickeball courts, improvements to Sandy High School Stadium, gymnasium and cafeteria spaces

Increase accessibility for students, staff and community members with disabilities

Upgrade safety and security including access control, fire alarms and traffic flow

District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

This bond measure is projected to cost an additional estimated \$1.12 per \$1.000 of assessed property value (not real market value) annually. For the median home assessed value of \$288,000, that is approximately \$323 per year.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance. Actual tax rates may differ due to changes in interest rates and property assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Trail School District No. 46 encompasses 424 square miles in Clackamas County and is home to five elementary schools, three middle schools and a high school that was completed in 2012.

The State of Oregon has awarded a matching funds grant of \$6.126 million to help fund Bond projects. The District would only receive the grant if the bond measure passes.

This bond would fund capital costs including safety of students and staff, updates to school buildings, improvements to recreational facilities, updated traffic flow and increased accessibility.

In 2008, District voters approved a bond measure to build Sandy High School. This current measure would make improvements to, repair and build additions to the District's aging school buildings.

Over the past two years, the district worked with engineers, staff, parents and community members to review and discuss school facility maintenance needs, education adequacy, student safety and identify the most urgent needs for long-term facilities sustainability and learning.

All aspects of the district's facilities were analyzed and educational spaces were rated based on their ability to support

The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

students. The result is a Facility Plan developed in collaboration with school staff, parents and community leaders.

Key needs identified:

- Upgrade aging mechanical/ electrical/ plumbing systems.
- Replace/ upgrade roofing and external shells.
- Improvements and additions to gyms and cafeterias and replace portable classrooms.
- Add air conditioning and replace/ repair aging, inefficient heating systems.
- Enhance recreational opportunities, including playground and sports field upgrades.
- Building security and accessibility upgrades, including improvements for traffic flow.

This bond would fund the replacement of portables with permanent classroom spaces at schools such as Kelso, Naas and Boring Middle, add or make improvements to cafeterias or gyms to schools including Firwood, Naas and Welches, improvements to playgrounds and improvements to athletic fields and recreation opportunities for school and community use throughout the district, including updates to Sandy High School Stadium.

This bond would fund improvements to safety, security and access throughout the district, improvements to traffic flow for vehicles and buses, and improvements to access for students, staff and community with disabilities.

If passed, the bonds would be issued in the principal amount not to exceed \$172.2 million and may be issued in multiple series, each maturing within 31 years from issuance. This bond measure is projected to cost an additional estimated \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes to assessed value.

The measure includes creation of a Bond Oversight Committee to monitor progress and report to the community.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Quality schools foster a strong local economy

We are fortunate to live in a vibrant, growing community with a history of supporting our local schools. We built a high school that, since opening in 2012, has seen graduation rates increase by 25%. Students who participate in any of the school's robust Career & Technical Education programs graduate at nearly100%.

Now, we must turn our attention to our elementary and middle schools. Our K-8 school buildings are aging and need essential renovations and repairs to prevent system failures and costly emergency repairs. In Oregon, major school repairs and renovations can only be funded through voterapproved bond levies. Measure 3-630 would fund a facility plan that protects the community's investment in its schools and strengthens our community.

Supporting our schools in-turn supports local businesses. While our school district partners regularly with local contractors, these facility projects would provide even more opportunity to support local workers and businesses. This helps to grow our local economy, increases the value of our homes and properties, and ensures we can continue to provide our children the best possible education.

The Oregon Trail School District has demonstrated strong stewardship of our community's funds, and can be trusted to manage bond-funded facility projects honestly and appropriately, given their legacy of completing previous bond projects on time and under budget. And their bond funds are always overseen by a Bond Oversight Committee of local citizens.

It's our responsibility to provide quality learning environments for our children. Acting today will help prevent costly emergency fixes tomorrow.

We urge district voters to continue supporting our students by voting yes on Measure 3-630.

Kurt McKnight, retired CEO, Everfresh Fruit Company

Paul Hansen, dentist

Don Hokanson, Sandy City Council President

Oregon Trail School District Measure 3-630

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

As parent volunteers throughout the district, we kindly ask for your **Yes** vote to help our schools make essential repairs to our loved, yet aging, school buildings.

Having been in our schools, we've seen firsthand how vital these proposed projects are. Even temperatures in the mid-80s can significantly impact a student's ability to learn, and in winter, imagine kids trying to focus indoors while bundled in coats or even soaked from recess due to a lack of covered play areas. There have been times when we've had to close schools for excessive heat or plumbing problems. In some of our schools, the gym doubles as the cafeteria, and buckets are placed under leaky roofs. This list really does go on, and our students deserve better.

Our district has dedicated teachers and a caring staff who pour their hearts into supporting our children. They truly do everything they can. However, the truth is, the funding they receive simply isn't enough to cover the extensive repairs our schools desperately need. Aside from the high school, our newest school is 45 years old, and our oldest has served our community for a remarkable 94 years. Any buildings that have served our children that long are logically going to need repairs.

Our community's children deserve the very best, and the last high school bond truly transformed their learning environment. It opened doors to incredible programs, including vital career and technical education courses, and ensured fewer disruptions so our kids could focus on what matters most: learning. We deeply care about our children, and we want everyone to have a safe, comfortable, and functional space where our entire community can thrive.

Thank you,

Parent Volunteers Kate Lane Loretta Gaul Jennifer Morgan Melissa Taylor John Wallace June Haines Kimberly Normand Heather Ostrander Allison Hornor Cassie Kanable Sara Redd

(This information furnished by Kurt McKnight)

(This information furnished by Kate Lane)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

The Welches Community Schools support residents of all ages

A community school is a partnership between the school and the community. It can lead to improved student learning, stronger families, and the development of multi-generational programs that offer benefits to all residents of the Mt Hood Area. Measure 3-630 would reinvent Welches Schools to accommodate our K-8 student population, while providing space and opportunity for our entire community to utilize the school campus for events, meetings, activities, and recreation.

The proposed renovated Welches School campus includes:

- The middle school building to be renovated to accommodate K-8 classes, including expansion of the media center, science lab, gymnasium, and cafeteria.
- The elementary building renovated for school and community use, including Mt Hood Learning Center,
- A backup generator to support school emergency systems.
- Pickleball courts for school and community use, and
- Outdoor space for potential community recreation development, based on community needs. Measure 3-630 would address critical facility improvements needed at elementary and middle schools across our 424 square mile school district,
- roofs, gutters, and siding repaired,
- mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems upgraded,
- heaters and air conditioning repaired, replaced, or added,
- portable classrooms replaced,
- playgrounds upgraded,
- traffic flow and parking upgraded,
- access for those with disabilities improved,
- athletic fields upgraded,
- gym/cafeteria spaces added or enhanced.

Please join us in voting **YES** for Measure 3-630 to improve our school campus and preserve and maintain all of our school facilities. This bond is more than an investment in buildings, it's an investment in our children, our families, and our future. Every vote

matters, and your support will make a lasting difference.

Lesley Vermaas Lee D. Trumble Susan Trumble James W. Marshall Lisa Rae Nomura Michael Nomura Patti Allen Dale S. Orr Diane L. Pettijohn Kathleen McDougall Darvl Dick Aniťa L Dick Caryn A. Tilton

John T. Well

Jan Hayden Well

Tim Healy, Owner Rendezvous Grill

(This information furnished by Lesley Vermaas)

Oregon Trail School District Measure 3-630

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

As neighbors, parents, grandparents, and friends who care deeply about education and the youth of the Oregon Trail School District, we know how important it is to invest in safe, healthy, and inspiring schools. Our schools are the heart of our community, yet many of our K-8 buildings are showing their age—on average, they are 60 years old, and Sandy Grade is now 94 years old. Leaky roofs, outdated systems, and limited space make it harder for students and teachers to thrive.

In Oregon, major school repairs can only be funded through voter-approved bonds. That means it's up to us-our community—to preserve the investment we've already made and ensure our children have the learning environments they deserve.

With the passage of Measure 3-630, bond funds will:

- · Replace rusty pipes, repair roofs, and update old wiring,
- · Provide modern security technology to keep students and staff safe,
- Upgrade aging heating, cooling, and mechanical systems,
- · Add classroom capacity and improve ADA accessibility,
- · Build covered play areas so kids can play outside yearround.
- · Provide gyms and cafeterias to schools that currently have Cafa-Gym-Atoriums, and
- · Improve neighborhood traffic flow for safer pick-up and drop-off.

In addition to these critical facility improvements this bond also strengthens community life by expanding recreational opportunities for all. Funds will:

- Improve playgrounds, athletic fields, and facilities which are open to the community after school hours,
- · Upgrade the Sandy High School football stadium, and
- Add Pickleball courts for school and community use across the district.

Please join us in voting yes for measure 3-630.

This is about more than buildings—it's about giving our kids safe, supportive spaces and ensuring our schools remain a source of pride and possibility for generations to come.

Teresa McKinnis

Cindy Bloomer

Patti Hallgren

Terry Lenchitsky

DJ Anderson

Shelley Anderson

Bernie Andreotti

John Andreotti

(This information furnished by Teresa McKinnis)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

As a former principal in the Oregon Trail School District, I have seen the upkeep necessary for schools to function properly and how the condition of our buildings can impact learning.

Our elementary schools were an investment made by our communities generations ago, by people who not only wanted to provide opportunities for their children, but for their grandchildren and the good of the overall community. After decades of service and thousands of students benefiting from these gifts, these buildings are in need of upgrades and improvements. Now is the time to protect that initial investment and build upon that legacy to ensure that our children, their children and beyond have the ability to rise and meet

build upon that legacy to ensure that our children, their children and beyond have the ability to rise and meet their potential in classrooms that are warm, safe and dry.

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Every school in the district experiences similar issues, including parking and traffic challenges, outdated infrastructure, deteriorating roofs and siding, and classrooms that can be either too hot or too cold, thanks to outdated heating systems and a lack of air conditioning. Many schools also use portables or don't have enough gym or cafeteria space, further challenging our dedicated staff in serving our students. The scope of this work, including roofs, siding, heating and air conditioning, wiring, flooring, windows, safety and security, addresses the need to bring all buildings into the 21st century, while also eliminating portables and adding or expanding gym and cafeteria spaces where needed.

These building improvements are also those that we, as community members, invest in to take care of our own homes and properties. We need to do the same for the nearly 4,000 students that we are responsible for

I urge you to vote YES on Measure 3-360 and secure the best outcome for generations of kids and grandkids!

Kimberly (Braunberger) Brooks, former Principal at Naas, Cottrell and Kelso Elementary

Oregon Trail School District Measure 3-630

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

"Mrs. Vance, I have your car ready for you!" Whenever I run into a former student who is now serving in our community, their eyes always transport me back to the middle school version of who they once were. "I'm working here now, but I actually just finished my EMT certification and am applying to become a firefighter!" The greatest gift of being a teacher is seeing the seeds you helped plant grow and mature into someone who is giving back to our community. For many of our students, education is freedom. It represents the freedom to choose their own path, rather than being limited by their circumstances.

These buildings are not just structures. These playing fields are not just for PE or athletics. Passing this bond will be an investment in the very foundation of this freedom. It will provide safe, specialized learning environments that inspire curiosity, foster growth, and prepare all students for the jobs of tomorrow. It will improve athletic facilities, not just for sports, but to teach teamwork, discipline, and perseverance—skills that are essential for success in any career.

This bond is a commitment to our community's future. It's about ensuring that every child in the Oregon Trail School District has the opportunity to reach their full potential. It's about giving them the tools and the spaces they need to become the next generation of firefighters, doctors, teachers, trades specialists and business owners. It's about honoring the potential in every student's eyes and helping them build a life of purpose and freedom. Please vote YES for the future of our students and our community.

Mandy Vance 2024 Oregon Teacher of the Year Proud Educator in the Oregon Trail School District

(This information furnished by Kimberly Brooks)

(This information furnished by Mandy Vance)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

My family has been in the Oregon trail community for over 100 years. As a former student myself, a father and grandfather of current and former students, and a retired Fire Chief, I can attest to the immense value Oregon Trail Schools have brought to the many families, past and present, who call our community home.

The property tax increase from this school bond is smaller than many people expect. Property taxes are calculated on the assessed market value, not the full actual value of your home. If the bond is approved, my personal tax increase would amount to just about 1.25 a day—less than the cost of a cup of coffee a week. For such a small daily investment, we can make a big difference in safety, learning environment, and future opportunities for our students and community.

Please join me in voting YES for our schools Measure 3-630 so we can continue the lasting legacy of success that has been handed down to us!

Phil Schneider, Retired, Fire Chief

Oregon Trail School District Measure 3-630

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on # 3-630

VOTE NO ON OREGON TRAIL'S \$172.2 MILLION TAX HIKE

Oregon Trail School District wants homeowners to pay a massive \$172.2 million bond that costs too much and uses a classic government sales pitch.

This bond will hit property owners with a new tax of \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For an average home, that's an extra \$323 every year in property taxes.

To sell this tax hike, they're dangling a \$6.1 million "matching grant" from the state. Don't fall for it.

That matching grant isn't free money—it's your own state tax dollars being used to bribe you into approving a much bigger local tax increase. You're being asked to tax yourself \$172.2 million locally just to get \$6.1 million of your own money back from the state. That's a terrible deal.

With inflation and rising costs crushing every family, now is not the time for a \$172.2 million bond. The district needs to focus on critical needs and find ways to pay for them within their current budget, not stick taxpayers with another huge bill.

Send a message: No new taxes. **VOTE NO on the Oregon Trail bond.**

No on # 3-630

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(This information furnished by Phil Schneider)

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

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

To register, you must be:

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

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

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You Must Update Your Registration if:

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



REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Bonds to increase safety, security; update facilities, technology; repair facilities

Question: Shall District increase safety; repair, update school facilities; issue \$190 million general obligation bonds; estimated to maintain current tax rate? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: It is estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates. West Linn-Wilsonville School District No. 3Jt has been awarded \$6,126,000 in State grants only if these bonds are approved.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

Facilities Stewardship Repairs, replacements, improvements at all schools Improve roofing, fire safety, mechanical, electrical, parking, sidewalks, landscaping Acquire furniture, equipment Capital improvement planning

Learning with Technology Upgrade technology equipment, infrastructure Update curriculum

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM); Career, Technical Education (CTE); Career Pathways Improve facilities, equipment Robotics center

Safe, Welcoming Schools Improve communication systems, intrusion limiting glass, fencing, access control, security equipment

Accessible Facilities Improve accessibility at schools, outdoor spaces

Athletics, Wellness Improve athletic, playground, field, lighting, turf, track, restroom, stadium facilities

Sustainable, Resilient Facilities Improve energy efficiency Standby generators Lighting upgrades

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

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance. Actual tax rates may differ due to changes in interest rates and property assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What would the proposed measure include?

West Linn-Wilsonville School District has placed a capital bond on the 2025 ballot. With no expected increase to the current tax rate, the bond would provide funds to: make safety and security upgrades; make repairs, replacements, and improvements at all schools; upgrade technology equipment, infrastructure, and update curriculum; create a robotics center accessible to the entire district; classroom improvements; improve athletic, playground, field, lighting, turf, track, restroom, and stadium facilities; improve energy efficiency.

If bond measure is approved, district will receive an additional \$6.126 million in matching state grant. The district would only receive the grant if the bond measure passes.

How were projects selected for the measure?

The District's Long Range Planning Committee, led by citizen volunteers, updated the district's long range facilities plan and analyzed school facility conditions. The committee made recommendations based on present and future facility needs, focusing on projects that were determined mission critical or mission important. Guided by the committee's recommendations, and feedback from a cross-representation of community members through task force groups and a

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community Bond Summit, West Linn-Wilsonville Board of Directors propose that bond funds, if approved, be used for:

- Facilities Stewardship: Make repairs, replacements, and improvements at all schools. Improve siding, windows, roofing, fire safety, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, flooring, parking, sidewalks, and landscaping. Acquire furniture and equipment. Conduct capital improvement planning.
- Safe and Welcoming Schools: Improve communication systems, intrusion limiting glass, fencing, access control, and security equipment.
- Learning with Technology: Upgrade technology equipment and infrastructure districtwide and update curriculum.
- Increase Opportunities for STEAM and CTE: Improve facilities and equipment related to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math), CTE (career and technical education), and career pathways. Create robotics center accessible to all district students.
- Athletics and Wellness: Improve athletic, playground, field, lighting, turf, track, restroom, and stadium facilities.
- Sustainable and Resilient Facilities: Improve energy efficiency, add standby generators, and make lighting upgrades.
- Accessible Facilities: Improve accessibility at schools and outdoor spaces.

Why was this measure referred?

The Long Range Facilities Plan outlined present and future facility needs. Members of the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board, Long Range Planning Committee, Long Range Plan Task Force groups, and Bond Summit participants prioritized repairing and maintaining existing facilities in this bond measure. This bond would make repairs, replacements, and improvements at all district schools. All projects included in this measure are categorized as mission critical or mission important in the District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

How much would the measure cost taxpayers?

Due to the retirement of a portion of existing bonds, this bond measure is not expected to increase the current district's total bond tax rate. This \$190 million bond is projected to have an estimated average rate of \$1.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually over the bond term. The estimated average cost of this bond is approximately \$424 per year on a home with a \$400,000 assessed taxable value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes to assessed value.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR SCHOOLS!

The West Linn-Wilsonville School Board unanimously urges a YES vote on 3-629. This bond makes essential investments in our schools without raising your tax rate.

No Tax Increase, Just Smart Reinvestment Measure 3-629 replaces expiring older bonds. Meaning the tax rate you pay today stays the same, while our schools receive much needed upgrades. Plus, the State will match an additional \$6 million if this bond passes!

Safer Schools for All

Even if you don't have children in school, you benefit from modern schools. Strong schools protect property values, provide reliable emergency shelter in times of crisis, and strengthen our entire community. This bond funds:

- Fire safety system upgrades
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Security cameras, secure entrances, and emergency communication tools
- Standby generators to keep schools open

during power outages

Modern Classrooms, Future-Ready Students
Today's students need up-to-date technology and facilities to be prepared for tomorrow's jobs. This bond

- One-to-one student devices and classroom technology upgrades
- Infrastructure to support modern learning
- A district-wide robotics and Career/Technical Education center, expanding opportunities for all students

Money-Saving Upgrades

Energy-efficient lighting, heating, and building systems reduce long-term costs. Meaning more dollars can be directed into classrooms instead of maintenance and bills.

Athletics for Students and Community

This bond improves safety and equity across schools by modernizing athletic fields, adding turf and lighting, and upgrading stadium accessibility and restrooms. This means fewer cancellations, more community use, and safer play for students.

A Stable Investment

Our aging schools require essential repairs. These are not cosmetic projects - they are foundational improvements to ensure our facilities remain safe, accessible, and functional for decades. Measure 3-629 is fiscally responsible and reflects our community's priorities. By Voting . YES, you keep our schools safe, modern, and strong - without raising taxes.

Please join us: YES on Measure 3-629.

Your West Linn-Wilsonville School Board

Kelly Sloop, Chair Maegan Vidal, Vice Chair Kirsten Wyatt Dan Schumaker Mike Selvaggio

(This information furnished by Michael Selvaggio, We Love WLWV Schools)

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR WLWV SCHOOLS

As your state legislators, we are proud to represent the communities of West Linn, Wilsonville, Tualatin, and surrounding neighborhoods. We are united in urging you to vote YES on Measure 3-629.

This bond is a smart, fiscally responsible investment in our children, our schools, and our community without raising your tax rate. In addition, the State will match an additional \$6 million if this measure passes!

Safe, Reliable Schools

Measure 3-629 addresses critical safety needs across the district's 16 schools. It funds fire safety upgrades, ADA accessibility improvements, and secure entry systems. It also provides standby generators to keep schools functioning during power outages-an essential investment in an era of increasing climate uncertainty.

Preparing Students for the Future

Oregon's future workforce depends on students having the tools and training they need today. This bond funds modern classroom technology and provides one-to-one student devices. It also establishes a district-wide robotics and Career/ Technical Education center, opening doors to highdemand careers in technology, trades, and health sciences.

Efficient Use of Resources

This bond does not increase taxes. It replaces older, expiring bonds, maintaining the current tax rate while funding essential projects. By investing in energyefficient systems, it reduces utility costs, freeing up more resources for teaching and learning.

Strong Schools, Strong Communities

Good schools benefit everyone, not just families with children in the district. They protect property values, attract businesses, and serve as gathering spaces for community events. The bond also improves athletic facilities with turf, lighting, and accessibility upgradesensuring equity across schools and expanding opportunities for students and community use.

Measure 3-629 is. about stewardship: caring for the schools we already have, ensuring safety and equity, and preparing our students for the future-all while keeping taxes stable.

We urge you to join us in voting YES on Measure 3-629.

State Senator Courtney Neron Misslin State Representative Jules Walters State Representative Sue Rieke-Smith

(This information furnished by Michael Selvaggio, We Love WLWV Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR WLWV SCHOOLS

As the mayors of West Linn and Wilsonville, we are united in urging you to vote YES on Measure 3-629.

Our communities are known for their safe neighborhoods, thriving local businesses, and welcoming spaces for families and seniors alike. At the heart of that livability are our schools. Strong schools strengthen our communities, protect property values, and ensure the next generation has the tools they need to succeed.

No Tax Increase, Smart Investment

Measure 3-629 replaces older, expiring bonds. That means your tax rate stays the same, while our schools receive essential upgrades. This is about maintaining and improving what we already have. (Plus, the State will match an additional \$6 million if this measure passes!)

Safe, Modern Schools for Everyone's Benefit The bond funds critical safety and accessibility improvements: fire safety systems, ADA upgrades, secure entrances, and standby generators. These investments not only protect students and staff, but also make schools more reliable as community gathering places and emergency shelters when we need them most.

Preparing for the FutureMeasure 3-629 ensures classrooms are equipped with modern technology, provides one-to-one student devices, and builds a district-wide robotics and Career/Technical Education center. These investments prepare our students for tomorrow's jobs, strengthening the long-term vitality of our communities.

Community Spaces We All Use

Our schools aren't just for students. They host community sports, performances, and events that bring us together. The bond upgrades athletic fields with turf and lighting, improves accessibility, and modernizes restrooms, expanding opportunities for community use while ensuring equity across schools.

A Vote for Livability

Passing this bond protects the quality of life that makes West Linn and Wilsonville special. Strong schools mean strong communities, and investing in them today ensures our neighborhoods remain vibrant and resilient for years to come.

We ask you to join us in voting YES on Measure 3-629.

Mayor Rory Bialostosky, West Linn Mayor Shawn O'Neil, Wilsonville

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR SCHOOLS

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District's Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is a citizen committee responsible for guiding the development of the District's Long Range Plan which provides a rational framework for evaluating and addressing school facility needs in West Linn and Wilsonville.

The LRPC also serves as the District's formal Citizen Bond Oversight Committee, ensuring that bond revenues align with voter intent and the District's longrange facilities plan. The committee meets quarterly to review progress reports, expenditure details, and project timelines and regularly report findings to the School Board.

Over the course of the past year in public committee meetings, the LRPC reviewed District enrollment forecasts, analyzed facility needs, and completed an updated 10-year Long Range Facilities Plan and Capital Improvement Plan that itemized a variety of capital projects. This work, following direction from the Board, was guided by the District's mission and values, and provided a road map for new and existing District facilities far into the future.

Following the completion of that work, taking into account community feedback through a Capital Bond Summit, the LRPC recommended the School Board submit an initiative outlining the need for a future Capital Bond to bring needed improvements to every school in the District, addressing critical life cycle replacement and educational program needs. The LRPC believes that the projects address District values with a forward-thinking approach and provides facilities stewardship and sustainability for the District.

Measure 3-629 represents the work the LRPC engaged in and includes critical projects at every school in the District addressing accessibility, stewardship, sustainability, safety, learning technology, athletics & wellness, STEAM, CTE & career pathways.

Vote Yes on Measure 3-629, knowing that committed citizens deeply informed the work as members of the LRPC and, as the Bond Oversight Committee, it will be managed with transparency, oversight, and integrity.

Current and former LRPC members:

Ryan Ingersoll, Miriam Pinoli, Mary Pettenger, Aliná Egland, Jenny Koll, David Ruelas

(This information furnished by Michael Selvaggio, We Love WLWV Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR WLWV SCHOOLS

As the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association (WWEA), we proudly represent the teachers and staff who work every day to make our schools safe, welcoming, and high-performing.

We strongly urge a YES vote on Measure 3-629.

Our schools are the foundation of our community, and this bond ensures they remain safe, accessible, and ready for the future. Many of our buildings are aging-roofs, plumbing, fire safety systems, and electrical infrastructure all need attention. Measure 3-629 provides essential funding to address these critical needs, keeping students and staff safe, and preventing costly emergencies down the line.

This bond also invests directly in learning. Students need modern tools to succeed, and Measure 3-629 funds one-to-one devices, classroom technology upgrades, and a district-wide robotics and Career-Technical Education center. These investments prepare students for college, careers, and the workforce of tomorrow, while giving staff the tools to teach effectively.

Equity is another key priority. This bond improves athletic fields, lighting, turf, and accessibility upgrades, ensuring that every school and student has safe, high-quality spaces to learn, play, and grow. It also enhances facilities used by the broader community, strengthening the ties between schools and the neighborhoods they serve.

Finally, Measure 3-629 is fiscally responsible. It replaces expiring bonds without raising taxes and invests in energy-efficient systems that reduce long-term operating costs. In addition, the State will match an additional \$6 million if this measure passes!

Our members see every day how critical it is to maintain and modernize our schools. By voting **YES on Measure 3-629**, you are supporting safe schools, equitable opportunities, and a strong future for all students.

We urge every voter to join us in making this smart, stable investment in our schools.

West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association (WWEA)

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

VOTE YES FOR WLWV SCHOOLS

As the West Linn-Wilsonville School Foundation, our mission is clear: to close the gap between state funding and what our schools - our teachers and students - truly need. We raise funds to hire additional teachers, maintain effective class sizes, and foster excellence in the WLWV School District. That's why we wholeheartedly urge a **YES vote on Measure 3-629.**

Strategic Investment, Not Higher Taxes

Measure 3-629 replaces expiring bonds, keeping your tax rate steady - while securing **\$6 million in state matching funds**, stretching our resources farther than ever. This is smart financial stewardship, preserving limited operating dollars for what matters most: staffing and instruction.

Protect Operating Funds for Teachers

When our facilities and infrastructure are modernized through capital investments, including upgraded technology, safer buildings, energy-efficient systems - district leaders can redirect operating budgets toward hiring teachers and keeping class sizes small. That means more individual attention for each student and the ability to retain the exceptional educators who power our schools.

Investing in Long-Term Excellence

Our district consistently ranks among Oregon's best - graduation rates are among the highest, and our schools shine thanks to dedicated staff and robust community support. Measure 3-629 strengthens that foundation, ensuring our schools remain high-quality and ready for future generations.

Please join us and vote YES on Measure 3-629.

WLWV School Foundation, Board of Directors

(This information furnished by Michael Selvaggio, We Love WLWV Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Parents, Taxpayers and Student Voters; PLEASE VOTE NO on this OVERBLOWN \$190 Million Bond Measure!

Demand to have <u>truthful</u>, prompt, detailed information that <u>clearly demonstrates</u> fiscal prudence and accountability in order to <u>confidently</u> approve WLWV school bond measures in the future.

Refuse to <u>add to the burden</u> of WLWV District's former <u>unjustified</u>, <u>frivolous</u> **2019 Bond Measure 3-554** for **\$206 million**, which relied on false pretenses of "Overcrowding" to garner votes.

SECRECY, FALSEHOODS and UNJUSTIFIED SPENDING

• WLWV refused to disclose the District's declining student enrollment prior to placing Measure 3-554 on the ballot in 2019. Unfortunately, people had already voted by the time WLWV finally released data showing a decline in enrollment projected to continue for a decade!

Yet, WLWV falsely stated in Measure 3-554 that "If approved, this measure would "Relieve Overcrowding," plus this fabrication: "Student Enrollment projections show increases of more than 1000 students in the next ten years."

(https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/39859ce0-bb00-4cfb-8702-e02a189cc619

- Despite dwindling growth and declining enrollments, WLWV built Frog Pond Primary School in Wilsonville in 2022 anyway. While Frog Pond sits empty, families who love West Linn's highly regarded primary schools are understandably worried that WLWV might close three schools, redraw boundaries and send their children to Wilsonville.
- Was it worth it to re-build a larger new Athey Creek Middle School, which previously enrolled 703, to accommodate 850 students on Dollar St. in West Linn, considering only 470 currently enrolled, plus extensive cost overruns, environmental destruction and inescapable gridlock?
- Was developing Riverside, WLWV's third High School, at the former Athey Creek School site in 2023 reasonable, considering current enrollment; 160 is projected to be 349 in a decade? Yet, a significant portion of the \$190 million would subsidize a covered stadium, announcer's booth, restrooms, additional parking, Astroturf plus many other questionably necessary Riverside projects.

VOTE NO on MEASURE 3-629 to PREVENT FURTHER IRRESPONSIBLE SPENDING!

We need WLWV to produce a <u>transparent</u>, <u>responsible</u>, <u>scaled down bond measure</u> for <u>truly necessary school projects in the future</u>.

(This information furnished by Rich Sakelik, We Love West Linn Committee)

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on Measure 3-629

VOTE NO ON THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE BAILOUT BOND

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District can't manage money.

The district is cutting \$15 million from its budget and firing staff because <u>fewer students are enrolled</u>. Yet they're asking taxpayers for a massive \$190 million bond.

This makes no sense. Why should taxpayers approve nearly \$200 million in new debt for a district that can't balance its daily budget?

Worse, the bond is a blank check for vague promises like "stewardship" and "wellness," with no real plan for how the money gets spent.

The district needs to fix its spending problem and match costs to its shrinking student count before asking taxpayers for more long-term debt.

Don't reward bad management. **VOTE NO on Measure 3-629.**

For daily tax news/updates follow us at OregonWatchdog.com

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

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

VOTE NO ON THE 190 MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE

There are only 2 good reasons to pass a \$190,000,000 bond:

- (1) The children will receive an excellent education because the bond is neededAND
- (2) It is fiscally safe to take on the additional debt with current debt of \$625 million.
 - The District announced it is \$15 million short of operating funds this upcoming year. The Administration says your TAXES will not be affected, **NOT TRUE**. No one seems to care of our poor education and mounting debt!!!!!

NO EXCELLENT EDUCATION

Hard to believe our demographics between WLWV and Lake Oswego School District are so similar! Pages 79 and 77 of the Districts Audit Report shows our District has lost 325 students since 2021 yet added 98 staff during the same 4 years. The 2024 Oregon State Education Report card website shows for Grade 3 English Language Arts only 55% of WLWV students meeting "expectations" while LOSD student's are74%. It's the same for Grade 8 Mathematics: 42% of WLWV meet expectations while 62% of LOSD students are at this level.. Unfortunately, the results with the exact student/teacher ratio of 16 to 1 between Lake Oswego and WLWV, are drastically different.

• NO FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Let's look at the facts for 3 school districts: page 39 of the latest WLWV Audit report shows you and me currently owe \$625 million from past bonds, LOSD exposure is \$392 million and Tigard/ Tualatin \$325 million. If we vote to pass this bond, our liabllity is approaching a BILLION DOLLARS.
- Finally there is no line item in the proposed 190 million schedule that cannot wait for a fiscally responsible revised proposal
- This bond has NO effect on the \$15 million the WLWV is short this year.
- Bond Issues do not fund teachers, they only employ <u>administrative staff!!!</u>

VOTE NO!
INSIST ON A FISCALLY SOUND BOND REQUEST

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 3-629, THE \$190 MILLION BOND ISSUE

OUR DISTRICT IS APPROXIMATELY \$625 MILLION IN DEBT (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) FROM BONDS ALREADY PASSED. SEE PAGE 39 OF THE MOST RECENT AUDIT REPORT ON THE WLWV SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE.

PLUS, THE DISTRICT ANNOUNCED A \$15 MILLION SHORTFALL IN OPERATING FUNDS FOR THIS UPCOMING YEAR.

THE ADMINISTRATION SAYS YOUR TAX RATE WILL NOT INCREASE IF THIS \$190 MILLION BOND PASSES. BUT IT DOESN'T TELL YOU THAT, IF IT PASSES, YOU WILL BE PAYING TAXES FOR THIS BOND FOR DECADES TO COME, OR THAT YOUR TAXES WILL ACTUALLY DECREASE IF THIS BOND FAILS.

IF IT PASSES, OUR LIABILITY WILL BE WELL OVER THREE-QUARTERS OF A BILLION DOLLARS PAYABLE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DECADES BY THE TAXPAYERS.

PAGE 79 OF THE AUDIT SHOWS THAT THE DISTRICT HAS LOST HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS SINCE 2020. BUT PAGE 77 SHOWS THAT 98 ADDITIONAL STAFF HAVE BEEN HIRED. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE? AND DID WE NEED TO BUILD A NEW ATHEY CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL WHEN THE OLD ONE WAS PERFECTLY USABLE? IS OUR TAX MONEY BEING USED WISELY?

LET'S COMPARE WLWV AND LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICTS. MATH AND READING PROFICIENCY IS MUCH HIGHER IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL IN LO THAN IN WLWV PER "US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT" EVEN THOUGH WLWV SPENDS MORE PER STUDENT.

LAKE OSWEGO SD CURRENTLY OWES
APPROXIMATELY \$392 MILLION FOR BONDS
COMPARED TO THE \$625 MILLION OWED IN
WLWV SD. THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS
MONEY OWED BY THEIR TAXPAYERS AND THEY
ARE GETTING BETTER RESULTS IN STUDENT
PROFICIENCY ON ALL THREE LEVELS LISTED
ABOVE.

LASTLY, LET'S NOT FORGET THAT WEST LINN WAS SUED AS A CITY BY OUR OWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, WLWV, OVER THE OPPENLANDER FIELD. WE AS TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING FOR BOTH SIDES OF THE ATTORNEYS' FEES IN THAT LEGAL FIASCO.

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 3-629, THE \$190 MILLION BOND ISSUE.

ED SCHWARZ WEST LINN

(This information furnished by Michael Taylor)

(This information furnished by Ed Schwarz)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

TAXES WILL INCREASE

The District is promoting the bond as no increase in tax <u>rates</u>. Don't be fooled: your <u>TAXES WILL INCREASE</u>. West Linn/Wilsonville rates are already the <u>HIGHEST</u> of any Clackamas County taxing district; property taxes are over <u>2x the national median</u>.

EXTRAVAGANT PROJECTS

After polling showed 59% would vote for \$185M if messaged properly, the Board went from \$141M in "mission critical" projects to \$190M in projects for every school (something for everyone strategy).

But are projects like a <u>premium stadium at</u>

<u>Riverside High (enrollment 160)</u>, and many more, mission critical?!

WE CAN'T TRUST THE DISTRICT

- With the 2019 bond, the District claimed tax rates wouldn't increase. They INCREASED.
- The bond was promoted on <u>enrollment</u> increasing by 1,000. Instead, enrollment <u>DECREASED</u> by nearly <u>1,000</u>.
- 94% of schools operate below capacity.
 District is overbuilt by nearly 3,000.
- District <u>advertised</u> on billboards, etc. to recruit <u>out-of-District students</u>. Those families <u>don't pay District property taxes</u>.
- West Linn boundaries will likely change to fill the new Wilsonville school.
- District sued the City, sold Oppenlander Field to a developer DESPITE a decades-old Board vote_Oppenlander would remain a sports field.
- District states a portion of bonds have been retired. <u>DON'T BE MISLED:</u> District <u>BORROWS MORE than it retires, and</u> <u>substantially extends repayment:</u> e.g., June 2025: <u>\$485,183,873 debt; payoff 2050;</u> \$110,406,039 INTEREST!
- Moody's previously cited District's overindebtedness, lack of reserves.
- District had three auditors in two years, firing one before auditor's negative findings were released. The State withheld \$26,211,880 for failure to file audits.
- 2019 measure stated <u>regular bond audits</u> would be conducted. <u>None</u> have been.
- Bond oversight isn't independent: the Planning Committee oversees its own work.
- Despite 500+ signatures against a new middle school at Dollar Woods, lawsuits, and promised tree preservation, the <u>District</u> <u>CLEARCUT the forest</u>. DEQ found 15+ worst-class violations.

<u>VOTE NO!</u> Tell the District to be accountable, come back with a mission critical plan.

(This information furnished by John McCabe)

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-629

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Let's Go Back to the Drawing Board

I support school bonds and levies-they're essential for safe, well-maintained schools. But we need to be cautious about how much debt we take on and what we include in these bonds.

In the past decade, our district's **General Obligation Debt per student** (not including pension debt) **has more than doubled:**

- 2013-14: ~\$17,000/student
- 2018-19: ~\$20,000/student
- 2023-24: ~\$37,000/student (likely higher after latest issuance)

(Comprehensive Annual Report, Ratios of Outstanding Debt by Type, 2022-23 & 2023-24)

Each new bond adds decades of debt, with **interest** nearly doubling the final cost.

Stewardship makes up less than half of this bond, and such projects are often the last completed-if at all. Meanwhile, some schools with significant needs are receiving only small portions of the total. And while some districtwide projects add value, many additional costs add up to make the full \$190,000,000 bond more than just stewardship. Listed below are the direct itemized costs for the schools as a proportion to the total cost:

Bolton: 0.7%Cedaroak: 1.2%Boones Ferry: 1.4 %Wood Middle: 1.9%

Willamette Primary: 2.8%

• Riverside High: 3%

Boeckman Creek: 3.6%

Rosemont Ridge: 5.2%West Linn High: 5.8%

Wilsonville High: 7.6%

(Sunset, Trillium, Meridian Creek have negligible costs; data missing for some schools. Source: Proposed Master Plan Improvements, most recent itemized version: January 15, 2025 Draft)

Districtwide improvements and soft costs are also included, but this still **isn't the stewardship-focused bond many expect**. Do we need to keep devoting so much to tech and security updates every five years-at the expense of core maintenance?

Maybe it's time to pause, reassess, and ensure we aren't locking future generations into ever-growing debt every bond cycle. Let's vote no and work toward a smarter bond together.

Vote NO on Measure 3-629

(This information furnished by Athena Contreras, We Love West Linn PAC)

How Do I Track My Ballot?



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

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

Sign up online for **Track Your Ballot** at <u>clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot</u>
This service is free for the voter.



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Two locations to serve you!

Clackamas County Elections

County Elections Office 1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100 Oregon City, OR 97045

Happy Valley Vote Center Open October 20 – Election Day, November 4

inside the Happy Valley Library 13793 SE Sieben Park Way Happy Valley, OR 97015

Hours at both locations:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Election Day, November 4, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

At each voter service location, citizens can:

- replace a lost or damaged ballot,
- update voter registration information,
- get voting assistance if you have a disability,
- get voting assistance in a preferred language,
- return your voted ballot,
- vote in person.

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Did you make a mistake?

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Please do NOT use corrective tape or white out.

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



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Where is my secrecy sleeve?

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

Remember to Sign Your Ballot Return Envelope.

The most important thing is to remember to sign in the signature box on the return envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file. The signatures must match for the ballot to be counted.

If you forget to sign or your signature does not match the ballot will be challenged. You will be notified with a mailed letter so that you can take action to ensure that your vote can be counted. The deadline for a voter to take action on their challenged ballot is 5 p.m., 21 days after Election Day.

Voters who have a disability and are unable to sign their ballot return envelope can contact Clackamas County Elections to request a *Signature Stamp Attestation Form*. This form allows voters to use a signature stamp or other mark as a signature on their voter registration file.

No one can sign a return envelope on behalf of a voter, including a Power of Attorney or Guardian. Signing someone else's signature on a ballot is a felony punishable by up to five years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$125,000 and civil offense punishable by penalties of up to \$10,000.

Voters can contact Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510 or elections@clackamas.us for a Signature Stamp Attestation Form or other assistance.

Sandy Fire District Measure 3-631

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District

Question: Shall Sandy Fire District dissolve and be annexed into Clackamas Fire District for fire protection and emergency medical services?

Summary: This measure dissolves and annexes Sandy Fire District into Clackamas Fire District, which currently provides fire and emergency medical services to Sandy-area residents under a contract expiring in June 2030.

Annexation will ensure permanent, district-level fire and EMS services for residents, replacing the temporary contract. It will give residents the ability to vote in fire district elections, serve on the district's board of directors, and help shape decisions about service levels and funding measures, such as bonds or levies.

Clackamas Fire serves more than 265,000 residents in communities including Boring, Eagle Creek, Damascus, and Oregon City-all of which voted to permanently join the district within the past 20 years.

If approved, property owners will pay the district's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the median assessed property in Sandy Fire District, the cost impact is estimated to be \$4.68 per month.

Annexation will protect critical investments in staffing and equipment for wildfire response, enhanced rural protection, and emergency medical services.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Since July 2023, Clackamas Fire has been providing full emergency fire and medical services to Sandy under a service contract. Thanks to this partnership, residents have received improved emergency services, with Clackamas Fire staffing a three-person engine company 24/7 and a two-person rescue unit for 12 hours a day, seven days a week at Sandy's main station.

The Sandy Fire District is referring this measure to voters to consider formal annexation into Clackamas Fire District. Annexation would ensure long-term emergency response stability, expand local representation by allowing Sandy voters to elect district board members, and provide access to the same service levels enjoyed by other communities in the district, including Boring, Happy Valley, Damascus, and Oregon City. Clackamas Fire District has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Class 2 rating, which is higher than Sandy's. Annexation into Clackamas Fire may help some property owners secure more affordable insurance coverage.

If approved, property owners would pay taxes directly to Clackamas Fire for fire and EMS services. Property owners would pay the district's permanent tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The cost difference between the Clackamas Fire rate and what residents currently pay for emergency services is estimated to be \$0.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$4.68 per month for the median assessed home.

In 2023, Clackamas Fire voters approved an enhanced funding levy, at a rate of \$0.52/1000, for emergency response. If annexation is approved, Sandy-area residents would <u>not</u> pay this levy and would have the opportunity to vote on any future funding measures, such as a levy renewal.

Annexation would provide a predictable funding structure, maintain professional firefighter staffing, and enhance regional coordination. Clackamas Fire would continue to operate out of the Sandy and Dover Fire Stations. The main station in Sandy has been fully staffed with Clackamas Fire personnel since 2023, and since that time there has been a significant increase in volunteer staffing at the Dover Station. Annexation would

The full text of this measure is available online at www.clackamas.us/elections

support maintaining these enhanced staffing levels over the long-term

A "yes" vote supports annexation into Clackamas Fire District, effective July 1, 2026. In spring 2025, Sandy and Clackamas Fire Districts hosted a joint public meeting and two community open houses, conducted a survey, and recorded a webinar that is available at

www.ClackamasFire.com/clackamas-annexations.

Based on community feedback, the Sandy Fire District determined there is strong public interest in securing long-term, stable fire and EMS services by joining Clackamas Fire.

A "no" vote would maintain the current temporary contract with Clackamas Fire District. Should Sandy residents decide not to join Clackamas Fire, options are limited. Clackamas Fire would likely require an updated contract to cover the true cost of enhanced service level standards, including wildfire prevention, emergency response and deployment of light vehicles. This would likely mean additional taxes or cuts to fire and emergency medical services for Sandy residents, one reason both elected district boards support annexation.

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

Voting Tips



Your Vote Counts!

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the November 4, 2025 Special Election.

Make a plan to vote.

- Do you know where you will receive your ballot? Is your registration up-to-date?
- When will you vote? Ballots are mailed to voters October 15 and are due Election Day, November 4, 2025 by 8 p.m.
- How will you return your ballot?

By Mail - Must be postmarked by Election Day, November 4. No stamp required.

By Official Ballot Drop Box - Must be deposited by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 4.

Don't forget to sign!

Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be verified and counted.

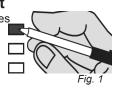
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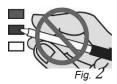
Voting Instructions

1. Vote your Official Ballot

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



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



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

If you make a mistake

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



2. Review your Official Ballot

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

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

3. Return your Official Ballot

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

Remember: Read and sign the Voter's Statement on the Return

Ballot Envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if the Return Ballot Envelope is not signed.

By Mail: Stamps are not required to mail your

Return Ballot Envelope. Please mail it as soon as possible; it **must be postmarked by**

Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Ballots postmarked

by the deadline must also be received by

Clackamas County Elections no later than 5 p.m.,

November 12.

In Person: Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot

Envelope to any official ballot drop site no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Return Your Ballot

by Election Day, November 4, 2025 8 p.m.

<u>Mail</u>: Stamps are **NOT** required! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Clackamas County Elections no later than 5 p.m., November 12.



Official Ballot Drop Site: Official ballot drop sites are available October 15, through Election Day, November 4, 2025 at 8 p.m. for convenient and secure deposits.

Official ballot drop sites are listed in this pamphlet.



Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop site in Oregon.

The Secretary of State's official ballot drop box locator is: oregonvotes.gov/dropbox

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Signature Required! Postmarks Count! No stamps needed!

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

- Signed,
- Postmarked on or before Election Day,
- Received at the Clackamas County Elections office no later than 5 p.m., November 12.

We recommend mailing your ballot no later than Friday before Election Day.

Ballots can be returned to any official ballot drop site until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Please make sure to sign your ballot envelope! Your signature is required to match the signature on record so that your ballot can be counted.

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Go to the Source!



Find accurate and trusted information from Clackamas County Elections.

Visit <u>clackamas.us/elections</u> for:

- voter information,
- official ballot drop sites,
- voter assistance,
- election results and returns,
- and other election data.

Extended Office Hours

Clackamas County Elections will have extended hours for your convenience.

Voter Registration Deadline

October 14, 2025 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday Hours

November 1, 2025 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Election Day

November 4, 2025 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Voter Assistance

We can help!

Voters with Disabilities



Do you need assistance registering to vote or voting? Support services and tools are available to ensure voting access for all.

Interpretation Assistance



Do you need assistance voting in a language other than English? Interpretation services are available.

Please contact us at 503-655-8510 or <u>elections@clackamas.us</u> for any voter assistance needs.

Don't Delay - Register to Vote!

New Voter Registrations must be postmarked by October 14th to qualify for a ballot.

qualifications		
Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	es no	
Are you at least 16 years of age?	es no	
If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.		
personal information *required information		
last name* first*	middle	
Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*		
date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence		
phone email		
phone		
mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)		
Oregon Driver License/ID number	political party	
Provide a valid Oregon Driver License, Permit or ID :	Not a member of a party Constitution Democratic Independent	
I do not have a valid Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID . The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:	Libertarian No Labels Pacific Green	
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I do not have a valid Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of acceptable identification .	Working Families Other	
signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.		
sign here date today		
If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.		
registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.		
previous registration name pr	revious county and state	
home address on previous registration da	ate of birth (month/day/year)	

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