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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor: **TED WHEELER**

City Council, Position 1: **CARMEN RUBIO**

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-209 FIX OUR STREETS PORTLAND
10 cents per gallon gas tax to fund street repair, maintenance and safety projects

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner, District 1: **SHARON MEIERAN**

Commissioner, District 3: **JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON**

Commissioner, District 4: **LORI STEGMANN**

District Attorney: **MICHAEL SCHMIDT**

Circuit Court Judge: **RIMA GHANDOUR**

METRO COUNCIL

Councilor, District 6: **BOB STACEY**

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair: **JIM BERNARD**

Commissioner, Pos. 3: **MARTHA SCHRADER**

Commissioner, Pos. 4: **KEN HUMBERSTON**

LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor: **THERESA KOHLHOFF**

BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Councilor, Position 3: **JOHN DUGGER**

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Commissioner, District 1: **NAFISA FAI**

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 1: **MARGARET MAGRUDER**

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-208 BOND RENEWAL

Authorizing the district to issue \$65 million in bonds for school security and facility improvements and receive a \$7.49 million state matching grant. The measure would not increase current tax rates due to the expiration of existing debt.

NOLC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OREGON AFL-CIO

ATTORNEY GENERAL: ELLEN ROSENBLUM; **TREASURER:** TOBIAS READ

OREGON HOUSE: HD 28: WINSVEY CAMPOS; HD 35: DACIA GRAYBER;
HD 36: LAURIE WIMMER; HD 50: RICKI RUIZ

OREGON SENATE: SD 25: CHRIS GORSEK

**Ballots must be submitted by
8 p.m. on May 19, 2020**

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Universal preschool drive seeks signatures

By Don McIntosh

Signature gathering is expected to begin any day on a ballot initiative to offer free preschool for all three- and four-year-olds in Multnomah County. Backed by seven local unions and a handful of community groups, the Universal Preschool Now (UPNow) campaign must gather just over 22,000 signatures by early July in order to make the November 2020 ballot. Because the COVID-19 epidemic makes in-person signature gathering unsafe, the campaign plans to use individual and social media networks to get individuals to download, print, sign and mail individual signature sheets.

The initiative would guarantee free full-time year-round preschool to any child in Multnomah County in the two years leading up to kindergarten. It would also



Photo by Eric Gold, courtesy of Universal Preschool Now

At Peninsula Park in North Portland March 7, volunteers distributed literature for the Universal Preschool Now campaign and helped make signs for a rally to support a union effort at Growing Seeds daycare. From left: Opal Brockschmidt, Gabriel Matesanz, and Kate Crombie.

guarantee a living wage for preschool teachers—145% of the minimum wage. And it would have some of the most far-reaching union neutrality language found in any local legislation:

Upon request from a union, participating preschool employers would provide an employee list within 15 days, would be barred

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Unions slam the continued mask shortage

By Don McIntosh

Remember the proverb about the kingdom that was lost for the want of a horseshoe nail? Today, America is in crisis over the want of a 60-cent mask. More than two months after the coronavirus epidemic arrived in the United States, what was once the world's mightiest industrial power can't keep health care workers supplied with the N95 respirator masks they need to protect themselves. Across the country, health care workers in contact with coronavirus patients are being directed to ration and reuse disposable masks.

"Everything we know about the right way to use PPE (personal protective equipment) has been completely thrown out the window," said OHSU ultrasound technologist Kasey Zimmer-Stucky, a steward with AFSCME Local 326. Two



Photo by Anjanet Banuelos-Bolanos

CROSS-UNION SOLIDARITY: Staff at Laborers Local 737 staff made over 500 protective face shields April 20 for members of Oregon Nurses Association. From left: Sal Cortez, John Hanner, Dave Coe, and Jodie Guetzloe-Parker.

months ago, OHSU staff would have faced discipline for using the same mask with more than one patient. Now, they're being directed to do so. Nurses say reusing PPE puts non-exposed

patients — and co-workers — at greater risk of infection.

Underprepared and underprotected, more than 9,000 U.S. health care workers have been

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OREGON'S MAY 19 ELECTION**
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