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Nov. 3 General Election Endorsements of the NW Oregon Labor Council

BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Councilor, Position 6: **NADIA HASAN**

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Position 1: **MARGARET MAGRUDER**

GRESHAM CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: **EDDY MORALES**

Council Pos. 1 : **DINA DiNUCCI**

Council Pos. 3 : **VINCENT JONES-DIXON**

Council Pos. 5 : **DAVE DYK**

HILLSBORO CITY COUNCIL

Councilor, Ward 2 : **ANTHONY MARTIN**

Councilor, Ward 3 : **KIMBERLY CULBERTSON**

LAKE OSWEGO CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: **THERESA KOHLHOFF**

Councilor: **EMMA BURKE**; Councilor: **MELISSA FIRESIDE**

Councilor: **MASSENE MBOUP**

METRO COUNCIL

Councilor, District 3: **GERRITT ROSENTHAL**

Councilor, District 5: **MARY NOLAN**

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-218 GET MOVING 2020

\$5.2 billion bond includes safety improvements and public transportation expansions throughout 17 investment corridors across the Portland region. Funded by a 0.75% payroll tax on companies with more than 25 employees.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Circuit Court Judge: **RIMA GHANDOUR**

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-214 UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL NOW!

Add 1.5% income tax on households with income over \$200,000; 3% income tax on households with income over \$400,000; additional rate for households with income over \$200,000 to 2.3% in 2026.

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-211 LIBRARY BOND

Authorizes the county to issue \$387 million in bonds to finance library renovations. Funded by a property tax of \$61 per \$100,000 of assessed value to repay the bonds.

PORTLAND

Mayor: **TED WHEELER**

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-213 PORTLANDERS' FOR PARKS

5-year operating levy, \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2021, to fund recreation programs and park services.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Commissioner, District 1: **NAFISA FAI**

Circuit Court Judge: **KELLY LEMARR**

WOOD VILLAGE

City Council, Position 2: **JAIRIO RIOS-CAMPOS**

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JOBS ON THE BALLOT

With a highly uncertain economy ahead, unions are urging voters in Portland and the tri-county area to approve two local ballot measures that could make the difference between jobs and joblessness for thousands of workers.

The big one is Metro's "Let's Get Moving" referral, Ballot Measure 26-218. It would create an estimated 37,500 construction-related jobs over the next 20 years, investing nearly \$4 billion in 17 transportation corridors across the Portland metro region, including Tualatin Valley High-

way, McLoughlin Boulevard and an expansion of the MAX train system to Tigard and Tualatin. It would also pay for electric buses and bus passes for youth regionwide. To fund all this, a 0.75% payroll tax would begin in 2022 on businesses with over 25 employees.

Labor unions are backing the measure to the hilt—not just construction unions but United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, allied with Metro leaders and environmental and community groups. But business groups are spending big to oppose it. The "yes" campaign features union members in its materials, including members of Cement Masons Local 555 in this very moving online ad: youtu.be/rRRgxuyyACM

The other make-or-break jobs measure is Measure 26-213, in Portland: It would reverse cuts and reopen community centers and pools, bringing back parks workers who were laid off. It would reverse a 10-year decline in park maintenance; reduce Parks & Rec's reliance on user fees; keep the doors open at Multnomah Arts Center, Community Music Center, and Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center; and fund pool operations in North Portland. It's a five-year property tax operating levy, at a rate of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Passing it is priority number one for Laborers Local 483, which has fought for over a decade to make parks and rec jobs pay a living wage with benefits.



RATS AND FATCATS AT PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS At reconstruction projects at Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School (above), nearly all the work is going to non-union firms. What's even more aggravating to local unions is that the district is making it hard for union reps to check and see if those firms are obeying labor laws. The contractors submit records documenting that they're paying prevailing wage, but the district is delaying, redacting, and charging a fortune to release those records, even a list showing which contractors are on the job. From left: Cement Masons Local 555 organizer Jose Avalos Guzman, Local 701 business rep Uriah Chipman and special projects counsel Scott Strickland; and LiUNA 737 field reps Sal Cortez and Anjanet Banuelos Bolanos.