



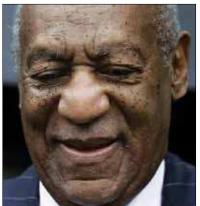


## **Garlington** Center **Opening**

Expansion brings more services, housing See Metro, page 9

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Sahaan McKelvey of Self Enhancement, Inc., helped develop the framework for a \$652 million Metro housing bond that's before voters in three counties this November. McKelvey said the measure is designed to help communities of color, homeless families and those most in need in the greater Portland region.

## Housing the Ballot

## Measures aimed at growing need

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In a region where rent and housing prices have increased far faster than wages and a growing homeless population is one of government's most pressing problems, a new ballot measure coming in the November General Election proposes an affordable housing bond that leverages \$652.8 million in new tax revenues for additional affordable housing units across the greater Portland area.

Metro, the regional government agency that spans three counties, unanimously voted in June to refer the largest-ever housing bond measure in the region's history to voters in the

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