

Oregon PSR November 2020 Ballot Measure Endorsement Guide

Oregon PSR endorses the following ballot measures in the November 2020 election. Please note that our lack of endorsement doesn't necessarily mean that we oppose a ballot measure, only that our Board of Directors has decided not to make a formal endorsement.

Oregon statewide measures:

[YES on Measure 107 \(Campaign Finance Limits Amendment 2020\)](#)

A "yes" vote supports authorizing the state legislature and local governments to enact laws or ordinances limiting campaign contributions and expenditures, require disclosure of contributions and expenditures, and require that political advertisements identify the people or entities that paid for them.

Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 107 because we know that big money in politics allows corporations, such as those in the fossil fuel, nuclear power, and weapons industries, to spend massive amounts of money in support of candidates who promote policies that cause direct harm to public health. Measure 107 will shift the power from those with the most money to our community's true leaders, including Black, Indigenous, people of color, and LGBTQ communities, propelling Oregon's democracy into a more inclusive, honest, and fair system.



[YES on Measure 110 \(Drug Decriminalization & Addiction Treatment Initiative 2020\)](#)

A "yes" vote supports making personal non-commercial possession of a controlled substance no more than a Class E violation (max fine of \$100 fine) and establishing a drug addiction treatment and recovery program funded in part by the state's marijuana tax revenue and state prison savings.

Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 110 because it treats addiction as a health issue rather than a criminal punishment issue. Black, Indigenous, and people of color are disproportionately represented in drug arrests. Measure 110 would reduce disparities in drug arrests by 95%. Measure 110 is a measure for everyone — a more humane, equitable and effective approach.



City of Portland, Multnomah County, and Portland Metro Area measures:

[YES on Measure 26-213 \(Portland Parks and Recreation Levy\)](#)

A "yes" vote supports enacting a tax at the rate of \$80 per \$100,000 of assessed property value for five years beginning in 2021 to fund recreational programs and park services.

Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 26-213 because we understand the importance of protected natural areas, including city parks, to human health. The measure will improve conditions in parks throughout Portland and prevent more job cuts while increasing access for communities of color and households experiencing poverty. The measure will also provide direct benefits to our water and air quality and support a healthier climate.



[YES on Measure 26-214 \(Preschool For All in Multnomah County\)](#)

A "yes" vote supports establishing a tuition-free preschool program, imposing an additional 1.5% income tax on households with income over \$200,000 and an additional 3% income tax on households with income over \$400,000, and increasing the additional rate for households with income over \$200,000 to 2.3% in 2026.

Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 26-214 because it will improve access to education and reduce inequality and racial disparities in Multnomah County's education system, which in turn will promote population health and health equity. Affordable, equitable education for all, regardless of income, is an essential component of healthy, thriving communities.



[YES on Measure 26-217 \(Authorizes New, Independent Police Oversight Board in Portland\)](#)

A "yes" vote would add a section to the Portland City Charter that authorizes the creation of a new police oversight board. The proposed measure sets forth the powers of the new board including the authority, to the full extent of the law, to investigate complaints and to issue disciplinary action against sworn police officers and their supervisors, independence from elected offices and city bureaus, and a budget guarantee to assure resources are available to complete the board's work. The proposed oversight board would also be authorized to directly influence the police bureau's policies and directives.

Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 26-217 because it will lead to increased oversight of, and accountability for, the Portland Police Department. Portland is a city with a long history of police violence against Black, Indigenous, and people of color as well as Portlanders experiencing mental illness. This measure is a step in the right direction of reducing the public health crisis of police violence.



[YES on Measure 26-218 \(Infrastructure & Transportation Payroll Tax, November 2020\)](#)

A "yes" vote supports authorizing the Metro Council to impose a payroll tax not to exceed 0.75% on employers with 26 or more employees, excluding local governments, beginning in 2022 to fund infrastructure improvements and transportation programs.



Oregon PSR supports a YES vote on Measure 26-218 because it will improve transportation safety and increase transit options throughout the Portland metro area, providing direct improvements to public health. It will also address systemic inequities in transportation, improving access to safe, reliable transportation for all Portlanders. Because it improves transit efficiency and prioritizes walking, biking, and mass transit, it will also improve local air quality and lessen the impacts of climate chaos.

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