

County of Yamhill

# VOTERS' PAMPHLET



**November 7, 2017  
Special Election**

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Dear Fellow Yamhill County Voter,

This is your Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet for the November 7, 2017, Special Election. This pamphlet has information about various measures for your consideration. Each jurisdiction submitting a measure prepares its own Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement.

Measure arguments are included in this pamphlet only after paying a fee. If an argument (for or against) does not appear in the pamphlet, it is because no person or group provided one.

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This pamphlet includes all measures in the county for this election - your ballot will include only those relevant to you. There are no candidate positions on any ballot for this election, only measures.

Since there are just a few regions voting in this election, we will not use every "Official Ballot Drop Site" located in the county. We will only open our boxes in McMinnville, Lafayette, Dundee, and Newberg. Look for the list of open official drop sites in this pamphlet or on our website. You may deposit your ballot in any drop site listed, 24 hours a day.

**No postage is necessary when ballots are deposited in an official ballot drop site.**

**If you MAIL your ballot, you must apply proper postage.**

Note: **postmarks do not count.** Your ballot must be in an Official Ballot Drop Site or at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office by **8:00 p.m.** Election Day, **November 7, 2017.**

We invite voters needing voting assistance due to a disability to contact us. We will make every effort to meet your voting needs. Please contact us at 503-434-7518.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Van Bergen". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Brian Van Bergen  
Yamhill County Clerk



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## How to cast your vote...

### 1 Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.



### 2 Check for errors

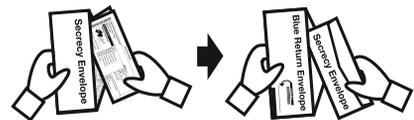
- It is not necessary to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that measure.
- If you think you made a mistake, call the Yamhill County Elections Office.

### 3 Using the optional "Secrecy" envelope

If you use the optional "Secrecy" envelope, put only your voted ballot inside.

Then, put only your Secrecy envelope inside your return envelope.

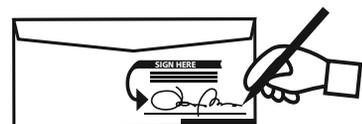
**You are not required to use the "Secrecy" envelope.**



### 4 Sign your return envelope

You must sign your return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.



### 5 Return your ballot:

- By mail
- At any open Official Ballot Drop Site (*see list on the back of this pamphlet*)
- At the Clerk's/Elections Office

## Portland Community College

Referred by Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196

#### **Bonds to construct job training space, improve classrooms, safety, technology.**

**Question:** Shall Portland Community College construct, expand, modernize facilities; estimated to maintain current tax rate by issuing \$185 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:** Projects expected to be financed with bond funds include:

- Construction and improvements to provide students with up-to-date job training spaces;
- Acquisition of modern technology and equipment;
- Improvements to transit and disability access;
- Projects to increase facility lifespan and efficiency through energy efficiency, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, and sustainability improvements;
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing, equipping, acquiring or purchasing land, bond issuance costs;
- Modernizing the Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center;
- Improving the Sylvania Campus Health Technology Building and Health Inter-Professional Training Facility;
- Constructing child care facility on Rock Creek campus;
- Upgrading Cascade Public Safety Building and enhancing safety and security district wide.

If bonds approved, matching state funds of \$8 million would be available to reduce overall cost to taxpayers.

PCC will conduct, issue annual audits to ensure funds used as intended.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 16 years from issuance. Bond cost estimated to maintain fiscal year 2017 rate of 40 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

## **NO ARGUMENTS WERE FILED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE**

## Portland Community College

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 26-196

Portland Community College (PCC) is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon. It assists 78,000 full and part-time students in Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Columbia counties to obtain career training and further their education.

PCC is conducting a district wide examination of its physical infrastructure and academic program needs, to strategically plan for the future. PCC's strategic plan (the "Plan") adopted by the Board focuses on three essential goals which have led to this bond request:

- 1. Improve workforce training programs to better align with current and future jobs:** Expanded facilities and updated technology for students will help develop skills for the jobs of tomorrow, with the goal of securing higher paying jobs to meet the growing cost of living in the metro area.
- 2. Invest in training for Health and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs:** Students studying these disciplines require access to the latest technology and adequate facilities to enter the workforce career ready.
- 3. Invest in meeting safety and security needs, and provide disability access:** PCC goals include investing in safety, security and accessibility, so students are safe and invited to learn.

If approved, bond proceeds are expected to include the following investments:

- Improvements to the Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center to provide students with up-to-date job training spaces by rebuilding two outdated buildings and combining programs into one multi-story facility.
- Sylvania campus Health Technology Building renovation: including updates to science and biology labs, nursing education suites and faculty workspace for health-related career fields. Seismic, safety and accessibility needs will also be addressed.
- Development and redesign of spaces used for health inter-professional training.
- Safety, security, longevity, and accessibility upgrades.
- Long range planning to align overall facilities and academic plans. A comprehensive approach is expected to increase coordination and efficiency, reducing long term costs.

#### **What would the bond cost?**

**Because of expiring bonds, the PCC bond measure is estimated to maintain current tax rates for local homeowners.**

If voters approve the bond it is expected to maintain the fiscal year 2017 rate of \$0.40 per \$1,000 for 16 years. For a house assessed at \$200,000 the cost is estimated at \$80 per year, or \$6.66 per month. The total principal amount of bonds authorized will not exceed \$185 million. Actual levy rates may differ depending on interest rates incurred and growth in assessed value.

#### **Accountability**

Funds from the bond would go directly to the projects that are expected to help achieve the goals outlined above. PCC would emphasize openness and transparency so that the public can track how funds from the bonds are spent.

*Information furnished by Sylvia Kelley, Executive Vice President  
Portland Community College*

## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

Over the years, taxpayers in our district have invested in the future of our community by supporting Portland Community College. And here at PCC, we have worked hard to return on those investments.

Portland Community College now is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon, serving nearly 78,000 full-time and part-time students, online and on campus.

In fact, PCC ranks in the top 20 community colleges in the nation.

PCC also ranks #1 in Oregon in graduates' salaries compared to tuition cost.

This bond renewal will enable PCC to continue to build on that foundation of success.

This bond will help:

- Modernize PCC's job training centers
- Update technology and equipment
- Improve transit access
- Construct a child care facility
- Upgrade safety and security on campuses
- Increase facility lifespan, energy efficiency and sustainability - to decrease costs in the long run

**PCC values equity and inclusion for minority businesses, workers, and contractors.**

Future PCC bond projects will include clear goals to provide more contracting opportunities to minority, women-owned, and emerging small businesses. Together, we can make investments that do more than build a college – we can help build a stronger, more diverse business community.

We are proud of what our bond program has built, and committed to providing up to date information on the planning and implementation these projects – that information can be found at <https://www.pcc.edu/about/bond/>.

We thank the community for your continued support of one of our area's greatest assets: our community college and the dedicated PCC employees and students who are doing their part to make our community shine.

**Please join us in voting YES on M26-196**

PCC Board of Directors:  
Kali Thorne Ladd, Chair, Zone 2  
Denise Frisbee, Zone 1  
Michael Sonleitner, Zone 3  
Jim Harper, Zone 4  
Valdez Bravo, Zone 5  
Mohamed Alyajouri, Zone 6  
Deanna Palm, Zone 7

*Information furnished by Hailey Sheldon, PCC Forward*

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## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

#### **Business Leaders Urge a YES Vote on M26-196**

As business leaders in the metro area, we are well aware of how our region is changing. We are now competing with people from around the world for jobs and for business.

In this changing environment, our goal is to hire employees who will stay and grow with us – employees with strong roots in the community, who have the skills and qualifications required for the jobs of tomorrow.

We find those employees here in the Northwest – with certificates and degrees from local colleges and universities. PCC is the largest of those institutions; in fact it is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon.

PCC graduates students with the skills and training to fill the positions we need. For example, PCC offers certificates and degrees in:

- Bioscience
- Building Construction
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Health Information Management
- Manufacturing
- Medical Professions & Nursing

As business leaders in the metro area, we support PCC's bond renewal because PCC graduates are our employees, our managers, our directors – and for some of us – the heads of our companies and our industries.

**YES! PCC is a smart investment in our future.**

Cascade Web Development  
Dweller  
Flotonix  
Inici Group  
Neil Kelly Design/Build  
Pedal Bike Tours  
Powell's Books  
Sunbridge Solar  
The Tygh Valley Group  
Walsh Construction Co.

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## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

As health care professionals in the metro area, we support PCC's bond renewal measure because it will help to strengthen an industry we all rely upon, and lift up our families in the process.

The health care industry is expected to lead job growth in Oregon over the next decade; it is one of the fastest growing industries in the state.

Oregon's education system is working to keep pace with this growth – graduating qualified practitioners and incorporating new competencies into traditional training programs.

PCC offers degrees and certificates in some of the most in-demand health care fields, including:

- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Gerontology
- Medical Imaging
- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Nursing

The 2017 bond renewal will go to expanding and modernizing PCC's health care training programs. The facilities and equipment used by PCC's health care certificate and degree programs (medical, nursing and dental) are essential to those programs.

By continuing to improve upon the success of these programs, PCC is not only investing in an industry that is essential to our economy – it is also providing a pathway for individuals in our area to a stable and well-paying career.

Please join us in voting YES for PCC.

CareOregon  
Oregon Health Care Association  
Oregon Nurses Association  
Tuality Healthcare

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## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

#### **We're voting YES for PCC**

Community groups, organizations and non-profits support this measure because this bond renewal isn't just about building a community college – it's about building a community.

Portland Community College is our partner.

Access, student success, quality education, equity, inclusion, sustainability and resilience – these are core principles we share with PCC and its vision for the future of our community.

PCC supports underserved and underrepresented communities in the metro area by providing a less expensive, more accessible path to a college degree.

PCC teaches the skills necessary to secure better paying jobs – strengthening families and communities as a result.

PCC is actively working to increase equity and inclusion by recruiting diverse faculty, administrators and staff.

PCC is doing its part to combat climate change. The college is a nationally recognized leader in the higher education community for sustainability and climate action.

PCC supports metro area youth by offering advanced courses for high schoolers, GED programs, and an affordable pathway to a four-year degree.

PCC supports people who are unemployed and underemployed, by offering training courses for individuals re-entering the workforce or changing careers.

PCC supports students with jobs, children at home, or other commitments, by offering online classes and flexible schedules.

PCC partners with us – our schools, our non-profits, community groups and organizations – to provide opportunities and services we have all come to count on.

We support PCC because PCC supports us.

#### **Join us and vote YES for on M26-196**

Adelante Mujeres  
Centro Cultural de Washington County  
Hacienda CDC  
Latino Network  
Native American Youth & Family Center  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Portland Council PTA  
Portland NAACP  
The Portland Trail Blazers

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## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

Our economic development organizations – chambers of commerce, business associations, and others – support the PCC bond because it is an investment in the future of our area.

#### **PCC Helps Our Economy Grow**

PCC's job training programs supply students with the skills businesses in our area demand – so that they can compete in the region's major industries. Without a skilled workforce, metro area businesses are unable to keep pace, and are forced to recruit from elsewhere.

Local employers face challenges finding the highly skilled employees they need to grow their business and compete successfully. This bond renewal will increase access to critical career and technical education programs that prepare students for good-paying jobs and support employers who are ready to expand.

#### **PCC is a Safe Investment**

Portland Community College has a proven track record of offering courses that fit the needs of our local economy – and when the economic landscape changes, PCC changes with it. PCC has demonstrated success in graduating students who are qualified for – and hired for – the jobs that fuel our local economy.

We support this bond renewal – and PCC – because PCC supports our economy and helps keep our community strong.

#### **Join business and economic development leaders in voting YES on M26-196.**

Banks Chamber of Commerce  
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce  
Main Street Alliance of Oregon  
Tigard Chamber of Commerce  
Tualatin Chamber of Commerce  
Westside Economic Alliance  
Wilsonville Area Chamber of Commerce

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## Portland Community College

### Measure 26-196 Argument in Support

#### **ELECTED LEADERS URGE A YES VOTE ON 26-196**

#### **Portland Community College provides access to affordable education for ALL**

Now, more than ever, access to affordable education is critical to the future of our community and the people who want to make a home here for themselves and their family. Oregon's economic recovery is not reaching everyone equally. Too many low-income and communities of color are being left behind. Affordable, accessible education is the key to unlocking opportunity for all. As the state's largest college, PCC holds the key to a successful future for individuals and communities across the region.

#### ***We urge you to vote YES!***

#### **PCC is a vital part of our economy**

Demand for a skilled and educated workforce is expanding among the region's top employers. Good paying jobs are growing increasingly complex and require workers with the technical training necessary to adapt. PCC is focused on meeting the needs of Portland metro's workforce. Funds from the bond will go to improving workforce training programs and prepare us all for a better future.

#### **Smart investment for today and tomorrow**

This bond is simply a renewal of an existing rate so your YES vote will not increase your current tax rate but will allow PCC to leverage \$8 million in matching funds from the State of Oregon. Taxpayer oversight includes annual audits and project transparency through a public information portal to be found on the PCC website.

#### **Federal**

U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer  
U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

#### **State Senators**

Michael Dembrow  
Richard Devlin  
Lew Frederick  
Rod Monroe  
Margaret Carter

#### **State Representatives**

Margaret Doherty  
Chris Gorsek  
Diego Hernandez  
Alissa Keny-Guyer  
Tina Kotek  
Rob Nosse  
Barbara Smith Warner  
Jennifer Williamson  
Richard Vial

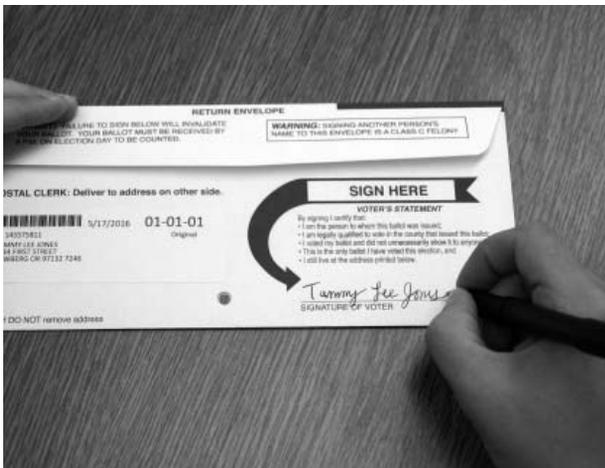
#### **Local**

Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway  
Tigard Mayor John Cook  
Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden  
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury  
Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran  
Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson  
Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
Lake Oswego City Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff

*Information furnished by Hailey Sheldon, PCC Forward*

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**Please  
Remember To  
Sign Your  
Return Envelope!**



**DON'T DELAY  
VOTE TODAY!**

**Measure 26-196  
Argument in Support**

As PCC faculty, we help to train and educate a wide variety of students throughout the region. Students representing every age group, income level and cultural background - seeking vocational training, technical degrees, or a jump start to a 4-year degree.

These students require the most up-to-date technology and classrooms in order to prepare for their future careers. When our students graduate, they go on to compete with students from across the nation – and in order to help them secure the jobs they've trained for, PCC needs up-to-date tools and facilities.

If passed, this bond will help:

- Modernize the Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center
- Update the Sylvania Campus Health Technology Building and Health Inter-Professional Training Facility – including updating science and biology labs, nursing education suites, and workspace for other health-related career fields
- Improve classrooms
- Acquire modern technology and equipment

As commutes get longer and rents get higher, students are turning more to local community colleges and online courses. To meet that demand, PCC must continue providing its students with up-to-date training and technological tools. Join us in voting YES on this bond so we can continue to do that.

**Please vote YES for PCC**

- Andrew Butz, Sociology
- April Ann Fong, Biology and Environmental Sciences
- Bryan Hull, Composition/Literature
- Doug Byrd, Political Science
- Fred Miller, Psychology
- Jane Zunkel, Composition/Literature
- Jim Parks, Criminal Justice
- Mark Easby, Composition/Literature
- Porter Raper, Composition/Literature
- Sylvia Gray, History
- Teri Mills, Nursing
- Tom Scales, Political Science
- Trina Hing, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Wayne Hooke, Psychology

*Information furnished by Hailey Sheldon, PCC Forward*

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**Measure 26-196  
Argument in Support**

Dear Voter:

As a first-generation college student, I face pressures and financial hardships many students don't. I was destined to get lost in the system. But instead I prevailed.

I enrolled at PCC to begin my journey toward a better life. While working three jobs to pay for tuition and provide for myself, I made a promise that I would always put my best self forward and advocate for others so that they may have the same opportunities. While taking classes, I worked for PCC's Career Exploration Center, Women's Resource Center, and soon after became the student body President at PCC Rock Creek.

Now, as my time at PCC is reaching its close, it is important that I pass the torch and help open doors that I did not have access to. As the community changes, PCC must continue to change with it.

I'm supporting PCC's bond renewal measure because it will help change the lives of students all over Portland. The affordability, resources and opportunities that flow from Portland Community College enrich our community and workforce.

Voting YES will make an extraordinary difference in the lives of thousands of people and families throughout the five counties that PCC serves – people just like me.

Ivan Hernandez, PCC Student

*Information furnished by Hailey Sheldon, PCC Forward*

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**Measure 26-196  
Argument in Support**

When I signed up for my very first college class at the PCC campus in my neighborhood, I had no way of knowing I was starting an education journey that would eventually take me to the Harvard Kennedy School. I would not have thought that possible considering my financial means at the time. I didn't know what courses I wanted to take. All I knew then was that I had a hunger to learn and I needed to start somewhere that felt accessible and welcoming.

My very first class set the tone and gave me the confidence I needed to continue pushing forward. I had signed up for a math class and was a little worried because I didn't think I was good at math. My instructor changed all of that for me. Not only did I learn that I was good at math, I learned that I could excel in college.

Over the next few years I was encouraged, supported, and challenged to push myself by faculty, staff, and administrators who prioritized student success. At PCC I engaged with some of the smartest, most thoughtful and supportive instructors I've had in any institution of learning.

As our community continues to grow, and more people feel the pressure of an economy that isn't lifting everyone up, PCC holds the promise of a brighter future. It's not just the general affordability of PCC that makes the difference, but the rich and supportive learning environment that comes with it.

I support the PCC bond because I know PCC supports our community. The investment we make today to modernize classrooms and improve training programs will come back to us in the form of graduates who will have the skills and commitment to make our community stronger.

Roberto Jiménez  
PCC Diamond Alumni 2012  
PCC, 1994- 1997  
University of Oregon, 1995-1998  
Harvard Kennedy School, 2010-2011

*Information furnished by Hailey Sheldon, PCC Forward*

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## Hillsboro School District

Referred by the Hillsboro School District

### Measure 34-278

#### Bonds to Improve Schools and Classrooms, Address Safety, Repairs, Overcrowding

**Question:** Shall Hillsboro School District improve schools, safety, security, and technology; issue \$408 million in bonds; estimated to maintain 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:** Bonds would fund projects to upgrade safety, repair aging schools, improve learning environments, relieve school crowding, and plan for growth. The District was awarded at least \$6 million in state matching funds if bonds approved.

Independent audits and citizen oversight required.

Bonds expected to fund:

##### Safety Improvements

- Seismic, safety, security upgrades.

##### Repairs, Replacements, Address Overcrowding

- Mechanical/electrical/plumbing/hardscape/roofing upgrades;
- Replace Brookwood Elementary;
- Improvements and expansion to existing schools;
- New elementary gymnasiums;
- Drop-off safety improvements;
- Playground, athletic field and other improvements.

##### Plan for Future Growth

- Two elementary schools;
- Transportation/Maintenance facility.

##### Learning Environments

- Classroom and technology upgrades;
- Job training infrastructure, equipment.

##### Furnishing, equipping and issuance costs.

##### State matching and remaining funds may fund:

- Purchase land for additional school capacity;
- Replace additional hardscapes, portables;
- Replace windows;
- Improve/replace tennis courts.

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from issuance. The estimated tax rate is projected to not increase over current levels of \$2.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
SUPPORT OF OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

## Hillsboro School District

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 34-278

##### BACKGROUND

Hillsboro School District serves more than 20,000 students in 36 schools; it is the fourth largest school district in Oregon.

Because of significant growth taking place within District boundaries and the aging of its existing buildings, the District needs to build new schools and expand current schools to accommodate additional students, as well as complete necessary safety, seismic, and infrastructure improvements to existing structures. It also needs to invest in technology, career-technical education, and learning materials that will help students succeed now and in the future. The District plans to complete needed projects with proceeds from this bond measure, and estimates that the current tax rate will not increase as a result. If the bond does not pass, these projects could not be completed.

The District's last capital construction bond ask of \$169 million was passed by voters in November 2006. This bond allowed the District to build and furnish new schools, add classroom space, expand, upgrade and renovate existing schools and facilities, acquire land for facilities and pay bond costs. All projects undertaken with the 2006 bond were completed on-time and on- or under-budget.

##### USE OF FUNDS AND OVERSIGHT

If the bond is approved, the following approximate amounts are expected to be spent over the next five years (school years 2018-19 through 2022-23): \$68.3 million in safety and seismic upgrades; \$30.2 million in technology infrastructure and devices; \$178.5 million in new capacity; \$24 million in career-technical education expansion and flexible classroom furniture; \$89.7 million in current infrastructure improvements; and \$17.6 million in required bond issuance and project oversight costs.

In addition, if the bond measure is approved, the District would be awarded at least \$6 million in state matching funds, which would allow for the completion of additional projects such as window and portable replacements, tennis court and other hardscape improvements, and land purchases.

The District would also invite patrons to participate on a Bond Oversight Committee, similar to the one formed after the passage of the 2006 construction bond.

##### COST OF BOND

The bond would be repaid by property owners over a period of twenty-one years. Due to the repayment of previously outstanding bonds, this bond is estimated to maintain the current overall tax rate of \$2.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. The actual levy rate will change due to fluctuations in Total Assessed Value, Assessed Value Growth Percentage, and/or the Tax Collection Rate in the District, as well as the interest rate at the time the bonds are sold.

*Information furnished by Adam D Stewart, Chief Financial Officer  
Hillsboro School District*

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the November 7, 2017, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., October 17, 2017.

### YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 17 years of age (*you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day*)
- You are a resident of Oregon

### YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed blue-trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518 (or 503-554-7850 from Newberg), and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

### VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

### RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the optional secrecy envelope, if desired
- Insert ballot (or ballot and secrecy envelope) in the blue-trimmed return envelope
- **SEAL** the blue-trimmed return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope
- Mail or place the return envelope in an official ballot drop box
- Your ballot will not be counted if your return envelope is not signed

### IMPORTANT NOTE:

**If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet re-registered, you may still be able to do so.**

**CONTACT THE  
YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE  
CALL 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850**

# Questions?

## Call:

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## City of Lafayette

Referred by the City of Lafayette

### Measure 36-189

#### Bonds to Construct and Equip Fire Station and City Hall

**Question:** Shall Lafayette issue up to \$7,950,000 in general obligation bonds for construction of a new Fire Station and City Hall? 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, bond funds would be used for capital construction costs to construct, equip and furnish a new Fire Station/City Hall and pay capitalized interest on and costs of issuance of the bonds. The existing City Hall is concrete block construction that would not withstand a moderate earthquake and lacks fire sprinklers. The new Fire Station/City Hall will meet seismic standards and provide a central community facility for future emergency response. This new downtown structure will be larger to accommodate future growth and include:

- Three bays to accommodate modern fire apparatus with a vehicle exhaust removal system.
- A decontamination room for bio-hazards and carcinogens.
- Dedicated storage for equipment, protective clothing, and public records.
- Day room/kitchen and living quarters for interns, volunteers, and eventual 24-hour coverage.
- Additional area for meetings, workspaces, and an Emergency Operations Center.

The City estimates the bonds would cost property owners \$1.59 per \$1,000 assessed value per year. Bonds will mature over a period not to exceed 31 years from the date of issuance.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

## City of Lafayette

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 36-189

The Lafayette Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical services to nearly 4,000 residents in its service area. If approved, the \$7.95 million bond would be used for capital construction costs to construct and equip a new Fire Station/City Hall. This facility will comply with pedestrian-friendly downtown commercial development standards, as well as earthquake and safety standards for fire stations and emergency operations centers. The existing Fire Station/City Hall was originally designed as an agricultural building and was never intended to be used for its current purpose. The deficiencies of the current building include:

- **Building safety standards:** the concrete block construction would not withstand a moderate earthquake and lacks fire sprinklers.
- **Code requirements for vehicle exhaust and isolation of contaminated materials:** there is no ventilation system to remove diesel exhaust fumes from the building. Contaminated materials come in contact with operations areas, and protective clothing is exposed to greater wear due to limited storage space.
- **Limited space for equipment and personnel:** the current building is at capacity and has no available space for equipment or additional public safety or administrative staff as the city grows.

#### What does the bond entail?

The new Fire Station/City Hall will be built at the current downtown location, will be larger to accommodate future growth, and will be deemed to comply with all structural, mechanical, ADA and occupant health requirements. The bond will also fund:

- Three bays to accommodate modern fire apparatus with a vehicle exhaust removal system.
- A decontamination room for bio-hazards and carcinogens.
- Dedicated storage for equipment, protective clothing, and public records.
- Day room/kitchen and living quarters for interns, volunteers, and 24 hour-coverage.
- Area for meetings and workspaces, as well as provide greater security for staff, law enforcement, and municipal court functions.
- A multi-purpose Council Chambers that would serve as an emergency operations center, with modern equipment that would remain operational during disasters including wind, flood, and earthquake events, to ensure the city's ability to respond to community needs.

#### How much would the bond cost?

The total principal amount of the bonds for the new Lafayette Fire Station/City Hall is estimated at \$7.95 million. The estimated tax rate increase will be approximately \$1.59 per \$1,000 of assessed property value per year, or \$159 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed property value to be paid over a maximum 31 years. This rate is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on current information from the County Assessor's Officer. Rates could vary depending on interest rates, growth in the City's total assessed value and other factors. Repayment will be structured so owners of new construction would assist in paying the bonded debt.

#### Summary

The new Fire Station/City Hall is designed to meet the City's growth needs for public safety. A central downtown facility ensures that emergency vehicles and personnel respond quickly to calls from the community. If approved, this bond would provide larger, modern emergency and operational facilities and updated on-site training and living facilities for emergency responders.

*Information furnished by Preston Polasek, City Administrator  
City of Lafayette*

## City of Lafayette

### Measure 36-189 Argument in Support

As the Sheriff of Yamhill County and a citizen of Lafayette for 11 years, I am writing to urge your support of Measure 36-189, Bonds to Construct & Equip Fire Station & City Hall. Prior to being elected Sheriff, I served on the City of Lafayette Budget Committee. During my time on the Board, I saw firsthand the city plan for the future, in support of which they progressively began to put money aside for growth of the City Hall and Fire Station. As the sergeant responsible for police services for the City of Lafayette, I personally experienced the growing need for a more efficient, environmentally sound, safer, and larger space to store Fire Department assets, including the new fire engine paid for by City of Lafayette taxes. The City has done their part to pave the way for this project. It is now time for the citizens to do their part to secure the funding needed to complete the project.

I believe Government needs to be fiscally responsible; I support this bond because it is the right thing to do for the citizens of Lafayette. This \$7.95 million bond will be used for capital construction costs and equipment needs of a new City Hall/ Fire Station. The new building will be constructed in the current downtown location, will be larger to accommodate future growth, and will comply with all structural, mechanical, ADA, and occupant health requirements, including the ability to allow for 24 hour-coverage onsite through living and dining quarters for interns and volunteers.

I urge the citizens of Lafayette to make an informed decision and join me in supporting this bond. I feel this is an appropriate use of public funds to support our community needs for years to come.

*Information furnished by Sheriff Tim Svenson*

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## City of Lafayette

### Measure 36-189 Argument in Support

Vote YES on 36-189  
Lafayette Fire Station/City Hall

Vote YES for EMERGENCY SERVICES

Vote YES for PUBLIC SAFETY

Our growing community of 4,000 residents should have a Fire Station for volunteers, equipment, training, and eventual 24-hour staffing. For over 30 years, Lafayette emergency services and City Hall have operated out of the present building. With our low tax and fire insurance rates, property owners should support this temporary tax measure to guarantee quick emergency response in the future. The estimated bond rate of \$1.59 means that the average homeowner would pay about \$225 per year, that's less than \$20 a month! Please support this important Public Safety measure along with these residents and businesses that endorse this measure:

Mayor Chris Pagella  
Lafayette Volunteer Firefighters Association  
Tim Svenson, Yamhill County Sheriff  
Former Mayor Don Leard  
Marie Sproul, Pioneer Estates  
Steve Grittman, Lafayette Auto Body  
Issac Alimin, Shell Station  
Kourtney Ferrua  
Local 3099, McMinnville Firefighters

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## City of Newberg

Referred by the City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190

#### Annexation of Newberg to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District

**Question:** Shall Newberg annex into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District to receive fire, emergency medical and ambulance services?

**Summary:** In 2016, Newberg signed a two-year contract with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVFR) to provide fire, advanced emergency medical and ambulance services. TVFR hired Newberg's firefighters and paramedics. TVFR added 12 firefighters/paramedics to provide 24/7 coverage. It added a ladder truck and two ambulances. The contract required the City Council to determine the feasibility and cost-benefit of annexing to TVFR. In June, 2017 the Council approved annexation, subject to voter approval. TVFR has a permanent property tax rate of \$1.5252 per \$1000 assessed value, a temporary levy of \$0.45 expiring in 2020 and currently levies \$0.1220 in bonded indebtedness. A dwelling assessed at the \$229,698 average for Newberg would pay about \$482 in TVFR taxes. It is estimated it would cost the City about \$6,863,510 to provide these services for fiscal year 2018/2019, not including start-up costs. TVFR taxes would total about \$3,862,752. Once annexed, city voters become eligible to vote for TVFR directors and on any TVFR property tax proposals.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

## City of Newberg

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 36-190

Approval of this Measure would annex the City of Newberg into the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R).

The City and TVF&R conducted public outreach and evaluated how to provide fire, advanced emergency medical response and ambulance services. Calls for these services have increased approximately 40% in the last 10 years but the City has not increased staffing since 2006. It is increasingly difficult to recruit volunteers, resulting in staffing issues. The City's equipment is aging but funds for replacement or upgrades have been limited.

In 2016, the City entered into a 2-year contract with TVF&R to provide fire, advanced emergency medical and ambulance services. TVF&R hired City fire department personnel and added staff and equipment. TVF&R:

- Provides 6 career firefighters/advanced EMT's on a 24/7 basis at each fire station. Previously these stations were staffed with 4 city firefighters and volunteers.
- Added 1 newer ladder fire truck and 2 new ambulances.
- Maintains a volunteer program, involvement in community programs and events and training, including the Toy and Joy program and community CPR classes.

Previously, the City spent about \$3.4M in tax dollars per fiscal year for fire and emergency medical services. It is estimated that it would cost the City about \$6.8M in tax dollars to provide these services at the enhanced level now provided by TVF&R, not including start-up costs.

Beginning in 1991 the City collected a fire truck/equipment fee, added to the utility bill. When the City entered into the contract with TVF&R that fee was suspended. It will be eliminated if annexation occurs.

If annexation occurs, TVF&R taxes initially would total about \$3,862,752. The TVF&R permanent property tax rate of \$1.5252 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, a temporary levy of \$0.45 (expiring in 2020) and a bond levy of \$0.1220 would apply in the City. A dwelling assessed at the \$229,698 average for Newberg would pay about \$482 in TVF&R taxes. (Assessed value typically is lower than market value.) City voters would become entitled to vote for TVF&R directors and on TVF&R tax proposals.

To offset TVF&R taxes, the City Council is considering reducing the City property tax rate levy in future years. If voters approve the City Charter amendment referred by Council, Council would be required to lower city tax rates by an amount approximately equal to the amount the City previously spent on these services.

No decision has been made on how to provide these services if voters reject annexation. Options include:

- Return to providing the prior level of services using current City revenues.
- Use City funds to upgrade services. This probably would require reductions in other services or asking City voters to approve additional property taxes.
- Seek a contract extension with TVF&R. This might include asking City voters to approve additional property taxes to pay some or a portion of the services. TVF&R could, however, decline to renew or could terminate the contract at some future point.

A "yes" vote approves annexation. A "no" vote rejects annexation.

*Information furnished by Joe Hannan, City Manager  
City of Newberg*

## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### TVF&R Makes Sense for Newberg

The Newberg City Council is committed to cultivating a healthy, safe environment where citizens can work, play and grow in a friendly, dynamic and diverse community. We feel that reliable emergency services are an important part of maintaining a safe environment for our residents. For years, the city has faced funding shortfalls which limited the ability to keep pace with demands on our fire department. This is why we asked Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue to provide service to our community.

TVF&R serves several cities like ours. They're able to provide a deeper level of service, more firefighters, more training and better equipment at a lower cost than cities can do on their own.

We believe that annexing to TVF&R is the best permanent solution for fire and emergency medical services. TVF&R can provide dependable and economical service to the residents of Newberg while maintaining the feel of a small-town department.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 36-190!

**Newberg Mayor Bob Andrews**  
**Council President Stephen McKinney**  
**Councilor Denise Bacon**  
**Councilor Mike Corey**  
**Councilor Scott Essin**  
**Councilor Patrick Johnson**  
**Councilor Matt Murray**

*Information furnished by Newberg Councilors*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### Newberg Firefighters & Staff Support TVF&R Annexation

For many years, we've proudly served Newberg residents. We also want to recognize and thank the many volunteers, previous firefighters and chiefs who contributed to the rich history of the Newberg Fire Department.

As any city grows, so do the needs of the community. Over the past decade, the Newberg Fire Department worked hard to provide the best service possible. With emergency calls increasing, zero growth in staffing levels and a decline in volunteerism, it became a daily struggle for us to maintain the service you deserve. Many options were considered, but it was evident we needed more help. The contract with TVF&R has provided a dramatic improvement, including doubling the number of firefighters on duty in Newberg daily.

By joining TVF&R permanently, our community will be served by more staff and firefighters, including those who are also trained paramedics. This ensures a high level of emergency medical care and ambulance service. We'll also get better tools, vehicles and training.

We joined the fire service because we care about helping people when they need it most. Voting yes for Measure 36-190 will ensure your firefighters are equipped to serve you today and in the future.

**Les Hallman, Chris Mayfield, Alex Haven, Andrew Willette, Jeremy Friedrich, Lawrence Dickenson, Burk Whitmire, Brent Carr, Jacob Cowan, Michael Erwin, Shannon Hankel, Donald Hartmann, Brandon Henry, Michael Jennings, Greg Mau, Diane Nave, Griffin Rojo, Ryan Schnell, Sasha Shepherd, Colin Sorensen, John Tish**

*Information furnished by Newberg Firefighters*

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**City of Newberg**

**Measure 36-190  
Argument in Support**

**PROVIDENCE NEWBERG MEDICAL CENTER SUPPORTS  
MEASURE 36-190**

Our nurses, physicians and staff share many core values with firefighters, including:

**Respect, Compassion, Excellence, and Stewardship**

Every day, firefighter medics from Newberg and TVF&R provide crucial emergency medical care in the field to people before they become our patients. We feel it's imperative that there is a strong emergency medical system in place to ensure the best possible outcomes for those in our community who experience illness or injury.

If Newberg joins TVF&R permanently, our emergency medical system will become stronger. Our community will benefit from added firefighters working 24/7 at Newberg fire stations as well as those working at the other 24 TVF&R stations. Together, TVF&R and Providence Newberg Medical Center will leverage their existing partnership to provide high quality care for Newberg families for generations.

Lori Bergen, CEO of Providence Newberg Medical Center

*Information furnished by Lori Bergen, CEO Providence Newberg Medical Center*

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**City of Newberg**

**Measure 36-190  
Argument in Support**

**Tualatin Valley Firefighters Support Measure 36-190**

*TVF&R and Newberg firefighters have long-shared the same outlook:  
We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.*

There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help.

We stay fit. We train hard. We act with integrity.  
We exercise compassion. We work as a team.

Tualatin Valley Firefighters believe that the team of responders serving the Newberg area will grow even stronger if the community chooses to support annexation. We can provide a deeper level of service by adding more firefighters and leveraging an established emergency response system.

In service,  
International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1660

*Information furnished by Tualatin Valley Firefighters*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### **Chehalem Valley Chamber Supports Joining TVF&R**

The Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce enables business people to accomplish collectively, what no one of them could do individually. This same concept applies to fire service. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is compiled of small cities like Newberg that can collectively provide a higher level of service and depth of resources than any one city could achieve on their own. In addition to fire and emergency medical services, Tualatin Valley has a technical rescue team, a hazardous materials team, a water rescue team and prevention personnel who help keep businesses safe through complimentary inspections to spare them from fires that can damage property. Because of economies of scale, they can do this more economically and efficiently. Having a fire service provider with rigorous response standards can also benefit insurance rates for businesses and homeowners. The Newberg Fire Department did a great job for many years with limited resources, but it's time that our growing community has enough firefighters and life saving equipment to properly protect and serve the businesses and families in the Newberg area.

*Information furnished by Sheryl Keish*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### **Former Newberg Fire Chief Will Vote Yes on Measure 36-190**

I spent 50 years in the fire service. A lot changed during that time. Our community grew and the fire service evolved. When I started with Newberg Fire Department, there were only three paid employees. The rest of the force volunteered their time. That worked well for us for many years. But the fire service changed and our community's needs did too. Now, as they should, firefighters are expected to provide critical emergency medical care when they rescue someone from a burning building or a car crash. They are the first to arrive when someone has chest pain or difficulty breathing.

Joining Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is a wise investment in our future. Tualatin Valley will continue the good service that Newberg Fire Department offered. But they will have even more resources to make sure that Newberg residents can count on highly-trained professionals who can care for our elders, young families and victims of crisis in their time of need.

Retired Chief Al Blodgett, Newberg Fire Department

*Information furnished by Al Blodgett*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's history is rooted in partnerships and cooperative efforts.

In the 1940's, when our area was primarily rural, farmers and other rural residents in Washington County decided to pool their resources to provide better fire protection. That desire to combine resources and cooperate to achieve better results became a foundation principle. Over decades, several city departments and rural fire protection districts combined to form the TVF&R of today.

TVF&R provides high quality emergency medical care, fire suppression, technical and water rescue services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention and education. TVF&R provides this broad level of public safety service in both rural and urban areas. While we have evolved in our mission as life became more complex, we have kept the same ethic and stewardship of our founders by being resourceful and accountable.

If you choose to join TVF&R, know that the Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that you receive excellent service and that your tax dollars invested in emergency service will be wisely spent.

#### TVF&R Board President Clark Balfour

*Information furnished by Clark Balfour*

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### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### Our family will vote yes for Measure 36-190

My husband and I live in Newberg. We love the community atmosphere and have decided to raise our family here.

We are voting yes on this measure because of what it means for our community. We want to ensure our child grows up in a safe community with high quality fire and emergency medical service. The estimated annual cost increase of \$36.15 is well worth the increased service level that comes with Tualatin Valley.

Please join me in voting yes on Measure 36-190.

Karrie Spencer

*Information furnished by Karrie Spencer*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### TVF&R Has Continued Our Local Community Events and Programs

For years I have volunteered my time to partner with Newberg's firefighters to raise funds to support local programs like Toy and Joy. Together we raised thousands of dollars and made sure that hundreds of children throughout Newberg had a gift underneath their tree. For that reason it was important to me that the programs I had strongly supported were not forgotten and continued into the future.

Since TVF&R has been running the fire department, I am proud that those community events and programs have continued. I still have the opportunity to work with the great firefighters that I worked with previously and, most importantly, last December thousands of presents were distributed to boys and girls in our community.

In addition to the improvements they have made to the department that have made our community safer, I think the decision on this annexation is clear. Please join me in voting yes for the annexation to ensure the safety of our community and the continuation of our long-standing community programs.

Bob Ficker

*Retired Banker  
25 plus years in Newberg  
Toy and Joy Golf Scramble Committee Member*

*Information furnished by Bob Ficker*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### Quality Emergency Medical Response Is Too Important

As an emergency medical practitioner for 37 years, retired Newberg Fire Department EMS Chief, and Newberg resident for 22 years, I believe that our community deserves the best possible care in their time of need. Whether it's an aging parent that has fallen, a child suffering a seizure, or someone in cardiac arrest - training matters, staffing matters, equipment matters.

Newberg firefighters have been passionate and proud to serve their community, but resources were stretched thin. Additionally, I saw call volumes continue to increase year after year. The need increased but the amount of firefighter medics did not. TVF&R has provided Newberg firefighters with additional staffing, tools, and the depth of resources needed to respond to the many medical calls that happen every day throughout our city.

For these reasons, I hope you will join me in voting to ensure the safety of our community and support our firefighters in providing top-quality emergency medical care.

Frank Douglas  
Retired Newberg Fire Department EMS Chief

*Information furnished by Frank Douglas*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

My name is Donny Lehmann. I'm a longtime Newberg resident and a business owner in Yamhill County. I'm writing this to show support for TVF&R. I personally want the best service available considering a majority of my children and grandchildren live in the Newberg area. Since the merger, I've had experiences with the crews from TVF&R. Two of these were emergency situations involving family members. They provided excellent care and showed concern for our family members. They also supported my community service project to have a life jacket station at Roger's Landing to prevent drownings.

In my spare time, I monitor emergency scanners in Yamhill and Washington counties. Three years ago, I created a social media site called YamCo Watch. The page was created to keep the public informed of emergencies where they live.

I wasn't initially supportive of TVF&R replacing Newberg Fire Department and Newberg Rural District, but my attitude changed after I participated in one of TVFR's community academies. After 27 hours of class and staying in a Wilsonville fire station overnight, it really opened my eyes of what they have to offer. I've also realized Newberg is growing faster than the local fire department could keep up with.

In conclusion I welcome TVF&R with open arms to Newberg and hope they can expand throughout Yamhill County because the fact is that volunteer firefighter programs aren't working like they use to.

Sincerely,  
Donny Lehmann

*Information furnished by Donny Lehmann*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### **Annexing to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue gives us the resources to grow.**

With the move from Newberg Fire Department to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Newberg will be better protected, have newer equipment, more resources and an organization that cares about our community.

Over the course of my career, first as a newspaper reporter, as a business advocate and now as a city councilor, I have had the opportunity to witness how TVFR works in a community. For 20 years I have communicated and worked with them on any number of issues and in every single instance TVFR officials have been safety and community focused. For example, when I was working in Wilsonville, TVFR took over that city's fire protection. Much like Newberg they had a volunteer fire department. A long-time volunteer, Terry Lowrie, a butcher at Lowrie's IGA could be seen for years, running from his grocery store, in his butcher apron, jumping onto a fire truck. Terry did many volunteer activities for the Wilsonville community. So TVFR named one of their stations after him – even though they had never done that before.

When I was appointed to city council the TVFR contract was already in place, and I spent hours looking into all of the concerns I received. I can say unequivocally I feel comfortable TVFR will provide professional, quality service this community deserves. I would urge you to vote for the annexation.

Patrick Johnson  
Newberg City Councilor  
District 4

*Information furnished by Patrick Johnson*

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## City of Newberg

### Measure 36-190 Argument in Support

#### **Annexation Makes Sense For Our Community**

When you call 9-1-1, you can't put a price tag of the safety of your neighbors and loved ones, but the reality is that those specialized apparatus, tools and professional firefighters cost money. Therefore the question I have asked myself is how do we create a sustainable fire and emergency medical service while being prudent with our city's finance.

In researching Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, I have found that they are prudent with their finances, transparent with the budget and hold a triple A Moody's rating for their bonds. Also as a special district serving multiple cities, they have been able to garner purchasing power that achieves cost savings and reduces expenses. Finally, when I compare them to other organizations of similar size and levels of service, they are extremely competitive in keeping a low tax rate.

These attributes, combined with how much I care about our community and the safety of my family, friends and neighbors, I urge everyone to vote yes on Measure 36-190. It makes sense for our safety, it makes sense for our community and it also makes good business sense.

Allyn W. Edwards  
Edwards + Associates Financial Svcs., INC.

*Information furnished by Allyn Edwards*

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**City of Newberg**

**Measure 36-190  
Argument in Support**

**Joining TVF&R strengthens core services for Newberg area.**

I have dedicated my life to community service and creating a vibrant, livable community.

Whether it's directing the Newberg Downtown Coalition or volunteering my time with several civic organizations, I want Newberg to thrive for future generations including my children and grandchildren. I am comforted knowing there will be enough firefighters to appropriately manage, mitigate or prevent emergencies.

*Please join me in supporting Measure 36-190.*

**Mike Ragsdale**

Director of Newberg Downtown Coalition  
Board member of Chehalem Park and Recreation District  
Board member of the Chehalem Valley Cultural Center Association  
Member of the Yamhill County Parkway Committee  
Member of the Newberg Early Bird Rotary  
Member of the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Former State Representative and State Senator

*Information furnished by Mike Ragsdale*

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**City of Newberg**

**Measure 36-190  
Argument in Support**

**Safety and Community Service Should be Top Priorities**

I write this letter to express my support of the annexation with TVF&R. Like many in the community, I had misgivings about TVF&R taking over and replacing Newberg Fire Department. However, since the original transition I have experienced nothing but the highest level of professional support and engagement from TVF&R.

TVF&R has worked tirelessly to ensure the Newberg community receives quality care, localized support, and community investment that we have come to expect from our emergency services. As the City of Newberg faced increasing funding challenges to keep pace with our rapidly expanding community TVF&R was able to provide a network of enhanced services, improved responsiveness, new equipment and technology, and leveraged management expertise to broaden the level of care we receive.

Personally and professionally I can also attest to the commitment TVF&R has made to honor the history of the Newberg Fire Department in terms of community engagement. They have been active throughout the community in events such as the annual Toy and Joy Drive, the Rotary Pancake Breakfast, the community Easter Egg Hunt, and weekly Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce events.

I encourage you to support this critical ballot measure as it only brings positive enhancements to the community. As this region continues to grow and expand TVF&R will be able to effectively keep pace by offering enhanced staffing and technical support along with improved apparatus.

Thank you,  
Ron Wolfe

*Information furnished by Ron Wolfe*

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## City of Newberg

Referred by the City of Newberg

### Measure 36-191

#### Amends City Charter, reduces property taxes on annexation to TVF&R

**Question:** Shall City Charter be amended to require City Council to limit property taxes if Newberg annexes to TVF&R?

**Summary:** This Measure amends the City Charter to prohibit City Council from levying the full City permanent property tax rate if Newberg voters approve annexation to the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R). Currently, Newberg provides fire, emergency medical and ambulance services using City property taxes and other revenues. If annexation is approved, Newberg taxpayers would pay property taxes to TVF&R for those services. The Newberg permanent tax rate is \$4.3827 per \$1000 assessed value. City Council would be limited to levying a tax rate of \$2.50, plus 3% per year. This reflects the \$1.88 that the City no longer would spend on emergency services. The limit could be exceeded only if city voters approve. Voters also could approve temporary tax and bond levies. If this amendment is rejected, Council may still levy less than the full tax rate; any amount over \$2.50 could go to other City services. The amendment applies only if Newberg is in TVF&R. The full text of the amendment was adopted by Council Resolution No. 2017-3406.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
SUPPORT OF OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

## City of Newberg

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 36-191

If approved, this Measure would amend the Newberg City Charter to limit the property tax rate that may be levied by the City if voters approve annexation to the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R).

The City Council has referred a measure to city voters to approve annexation to TVF&R. As discussed in the explanatory statement for that measure, annexation means that TVF&R would levy its property taxes in the City to provide enhanced emergency services.

Currently, the City spends about \$1.88 per \$1000 of assessed valuation to pay for fire, emergency response and ambulance services. The City's current property tax rate is \$4.3827 per \$1000 in assessed valuation. This Charter amendment effectively would subtract \$1.88 from that rate, resulting in a tax rate limit of \$2.50. For the 2018/2019 fiscal year, the City Council would be prohibited from levying more than \$2.50 of Newberg's tax rate. Starting with fiscal year 2019/2020, the City Council could increase this limit 3% per year. The City Council also could seek voter approval to exceed the limit.

The City Council is considering not levying the City's full tax rate even if this Charter amendment is rejected. It would not be required to do so, however, and could direct some or all City taxes not spent on these emergency services to provide other new or enhanced services such as 9-1-1 dispatch, police, roads or other City services.

The Charter amendment does not restrict the City Council from levying the full amount of local option (temporary) property taxes or bond levies. Those levies must first be approved by the voters.

This Charter amendment applies only if city voters approve annexation to TVF&R.

*Information furnished by Joe Hannan, City Manager  
City of Newberg*

**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

Referred by the Newberg Rural Fire Protection District

**Measure 36-187**

**Authorizes Dissolution of Newberg Rural  
Fire Protection District**

**Question:** Shall Newberg Rural Fire Protection District be dissolved in order to be annexed by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue?

**Summary:** This measure dissolves Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) so that its territory may be annexed into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R).

Newberg Rural does not have any fire stations, land or personnel. Since July 1, 2016, TVF&R has provided fire protection and emergency medical services to Newberg Rural under contract.

Dissolution is contingent upon voter approval of a separate annexation measure. If Newberg Rural voters approve dissolution and annexation, all assets and liabilities of Newberg Rural shall be transferred to and assumed by TVF&R under the plan of dissolution available for inspection at the office of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners. TVF&R will reinvest any proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the area.

Newberg Rural's permanent tax rate of \$.4329 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be eliminated. TVF&R's permanent tax rate of \$1.5252, a local option levy of \$0.45 that expires on July 1, 2020, and bonded indebtedness of \$0.1047 (total combined rate of \$2.0799) would be levied beginning July 1, 2018.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
SUPPORT OF OR IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Explanatory Statement**

**Measure 36-187**

This measure dissolves Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural). Dissolution is contingent upon Newberg Rural's voters approving a separate measure to annex into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R). Under Oregon law, TVF&R may not annex properties within Newberg Rural unless Newberg Rural dissolves.

For decades, Newberg Rural had an agreement with the City of Newberg for the provision of fire and emergency medical services. The City of Newberg approached TVF&R for contract services in 2016 due to funding limitations that made it difficult to sustain adequate staffing, maintain equipment, and comply with national standards given increased service demands.

When the City of Newberg began contracting with TVF&R, services were extended to Newberg Rural to honor the historic arrangement. Since there are no fire stations in Newberg Rural's area, the City of Newberg subsidized fire and emergency services by having resources respond from the City. As part of the contract, TVF&R has provided additional firefighters, apparatus and equipment to improve coverage, response and medical transport services to the City and Newberg Rural areas. The City of Newberg is now seeking approval from its voters in the November 7, 2017 election to annex the City's territory into TVF&R.

Newberg Rural's board of directors hired an independent consultant to research options for Newberg Rural's future. Under most of the options considered, Newberg Rural would likely have to ask voters to approve a levy and/or bond since the existing rate of \$.4329 per \$1,000 assessed value does not generate enough revenue to hire staff, invest in infrastructure, and cover operational costs. Newberg Rural's board decided that dissolution of the district and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area. TVF&R will reinvest proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the area.

If approved, Newberg Rural's permanent tax rate of \$.4329 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be eliminated. TVF&R's permanent tax rate of \$1.52, a local option levy of \$0.45 and bonded indebtedness of \$0.1026 (total combined rate of \$2.0799) would be levied beginning July 1, 2018. TVF&R's local option levy expires on July 1, 2020.

*Information furnished by Cassandra Ulven, Public Affairs Chief  
Newberg Rural Fire Protection District*

## Newberg Rural Fire Protection District

Referred by the Newberg Rural Fire Protection District

### Measure 36-188

#### Annexation of Newberg Rural into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

**Question:** Upon dissolution, shall all properties within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District be annexed by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue?

**Summary:** This measure approves annexation of all territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R). Annexation was proposed by the elected bodies of Newberg Rural and TVF&R to provide stable, long-term fire protection and emergency medical services to the Newberg Rural area.

Annexation is contingent upon voter approval of a separate dissolution measure. If Newberg Rural voters approve dissolution and annexation, all assets and liabilities of Newberg Rural shall be transferred to and assumed by TVF&R under the plan of dissolution available for inspection at the office of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners. TVF&R will reinvest any proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the area.

Newberg Rural's permanent tax rate of \$.4329 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be eliminated. TVF&R's permanent tax rate of \$1.5252, a local option levy of \$0.45 that expires on July 1, 2020, and bonded indebtedness of \$0.1047 (total combined rate of \$2.0799) would be levied beginning July 1, 2018.

**NO ARGUMENTS  
WERE FILED IN  
OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE**

## Newberg Rural Fire Protection District

### Explanatory Statement

#### Measure 36-188

This measure approves annexation of all territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R). Annexation was proposed by the elected bodies of Newberg Rural and TVF&R to provide stable, long-term fire protection and emergency medical services to the Newberg Rural area. Annexation is contingent upon Newberg Rural's voters approving a separate measure to dissolve Newberg Rural.

For decades, Newberg Rural had an agreement with the City of Newberg for the provision of fire and emergency medical services. The City of Newberg approached TVF&R for contract services in 2016 due to funding limitations that made it difficult to sustain adequate staffing, maintain equipment, and comply with national standards given increased service demands.

When the City of Newberg began contracting with TVF&R, services were extended to Newberg Rural to honor the historic arrangement. Since there are no fire stations in Newberg Rural's area, the City of Newberg subsidized emergency services by having resources respond from the City. As part of the contract, TVF&R has provided additional firefighters, apparatus and equipment to improve coverage, response and medical transport services to the City and Newberg Rural areas. The City of Newberg is also seeking approval from its voters in the November 7, 2017 election to annex the City's territory into TVF&R.

Newberg Rural's board of directors hired an independent consultant to research options for Newberg Rural's future. Under most of the options considered, Newberg Rural would likely have to ask voters to approve a levy and/or bond since Newberg Rural's existing rate of \$0.4329 per \$1,000 assessed value does not generate enough revenue to hire staff, invest in infrastructure, and cover operational costs. Newberg Rural's board decided that dissolution of the district and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area.

TVF&R took shape between 1972 and 2004, as a number of small and rural fire departments consolidated to share limited resources and save money. TVF&R achieves cost savings through economies of scale such as buying trucks and equipment in bulk, reducing administrative overhead, and leveraging a system of response to strategically locate stations, resources, and personnel.

TVF&R will reinvest proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the area. Upon annexation, TVF&R will also begin planning to add at least one fire station with staff to serve Newberg Rural residents and businesses.

If approved, Newberg Rural's permanent tax rate of \$.4329 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would be eliminated. TVF&R's permanent tax rate of \$1.5252, a local option levy of \$0.45 and bonded indebtedness of \$0.1047 (total combined rate of \$2.0799) would be levied beginning July 1, 2018. TVF&R's local option levy expires on July 1, 2020.

*Information furnished by Cassandra Ulven, Public Affairs Chief  
Newberg Rural Fire Protection District*

**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**WE CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY**

As members of the Board of Directors for Newberg Rural Fire Protection District, our priority is to secure the best emergency services for our residents at the best price. For decades, we had an agreement with the City of Newberg for fire service. Unfortunately, the City has struggled with funding limitations that made it difficult to sustain adequate staffing, maintain equipment, or justify subsidizing the rural area.

When we learned our discounted contract was no longer viable, we hired an independent consultant to research options for our future. Under most of the options considered, we would have to ask voters to approve a significant levy and/or bond since the existing rate of \$0.4329 per \$1,000 assessed value does not generate enough revenue to hire staff, invest in infrastructure or cover operational costs. We decided that dissolution of the district and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most affordable and stable solution.

Annexing to TVF&R will add a fire station in the rural area with dedicated firefighters, which has never existed before, and we will benefit from TVF&R's network of fire stations and firefighters.

We believe the transition to TVF&R secures the best possible future for fire protection and emergency medical services for our community. We encourage you to vote yes on Measures 36-187 and 36-188.

President Tim Dietz  
Vice President Eric Bergquam  
Secretary-Treasurer John Fawcett  
Director Christian Boenisch

*Information furnished by Newberg Rural Board Members*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Newberg Firefighters Support Measure 36-188**

For decades, residents living in the area outside Newberg have received fire and emergency medical services through a contract with Newberg Fire Department. Newberg can no longer keep up with service demands in their city, let alone in Newberg Rural Fire Protection District. As a result, their city council wants to join TVF&R and the subsidized contract with Newberg Rural FPD is no longer an option.

Newberg firefighters have been humbled to serve residents living in Newberg Rural FPD's area, but it's time for a more stable and fair solution. By joining Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue permanently, Newberg Rural FPD will be served by more firefighters, including those who are also trained paramedics. This ensures a better level of emergency medical care. TVF&R will also add a fire station in the rural area, which has never existed before.

We joined the fire service because we care about helping people when they need it most. Voting yes for Measures 36-187 and 36-188 will ensure that there are firefighters to serve the rural area today and in the future.

**Les Hallman, Chris Mayfield, Alex Haven, Andrew Willette, Jeremy Friedrich, Lawrence Dickenson, Burk Whitmire, Clinton A Hardeman, Brent Carr, Jacob Cowan, Michael Erwin, Shannon Hankel, Donald Hartmann, Brandon Henry, Michael Jennings, Greg Mau, Griffin Rojo, Ryan Schnell, Colin Sorensen, John Tish**

*Information furnished by Newberg Firefighters*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Precision Helicopter Urges You to Vote Yes to Join TVF&R**

In addition to owning a business in Yamhill County, my late husband Dennis was a board member for Newberg Rural Fire Protection District. Our family has also volunteered in the fire service and supported aerial wildfire suppression efforts for decades.

We know how devastating fires can be, and we feel it's time that the rural area had more reliable emergency medical and fire service. As our area develops and agriculture business and tourism grow, we need more coverage than a volunteer force can provide. We need our own fire station with dedicated full-time firefighters.

Joining TVF&R will mean reliable service and the support from a large network of fire stations and professional firefighters. Yes, there will be an increase in cost, but it will be far less than trying to build our own fire department or suffering the consequences of not being able to fight fires in our community.

Please vote yes on Measures 36-187 and 36-188.

**Nancy Sturdevant, Owner of Precision Helicopter**

*Information furnished by Nancy Sturdevant*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Please vote yes for TVF&R!** In the 20 plus years my family has lived on Highway 219, we've seen several horrific auto accidents. Since joining TVF&R, there's been a decrease in response time and an increase in personnel and equipment to resolve these terrible accidents quickly. This past June, there was also a 15-acre wildfire nearby. TVF&R provided an immediate coordinated response with six water tenders, several engines, brush rigs and adequate personnel who were properly trained to fight wildland fires. They worked for 72 hours while hot spots continued to burn and monitored for weeks because of burning stumps.

- In the past, we didn't have the response time that we have now, nor did we have the personnel needed to adequately cover the various incidents that occur on the Mountain. TVF&R has been able to provide additional firefighters who can treat traumatic injuries, use technical extraction equipment for traffic accidents.
- Before joining TVF&R, we relied on mutual aid from another fire department. But now being part of TVF&R, they automatically roll more equipment as part of the initial response.

I don't think we can put a price tag on life and safety. As a parent, landowner, and active community member I could not be more pleased with the decision to join forces with TVF&R.

Linda Sandberg  
**Chehalem Mountain Resident**

*Information furnished by Linda Sandberg*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**As the owners of a winery, our livelihood grows in the ground.**

If there is a nearby grass or brush fire, our vineyard could be at risk. It's important that we have reliable fire protection. We support Measures 36-187 and 36-188 and feel Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue can provide good service to other agribusinesses and residents in our area.

Jeff Meader, Owner of Eminent Domaine

*Information furnished by Jeff Meader*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**TUALATIN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS SUPPORT ANNEXATION**

Residents living in the Newberg rural area deserve to have reliable fire protection and emergency medical care. Though the Newberg Fire Department did their best to serve the rural area, it became increasingly difficult for the department to meet demands in the city or surrounding county.

Tualatin Valley Firefighters feel that the community will receive better service by joining TVF&R and leveraging an established emergency response system. TVF&R will be able to add a fire station with dedicated firefighters to serve the rural area.

**We encourage you to vote yes on Measures 36-187 and 36-188.**

In service,  
International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1660

*Information furnished by Tualatin Valley Firefighters*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Professional Emergency Medical Response is Important for Rural Residents**

As an emergency medical practitioner for 37 years, retired Newberg Fire Department EMS Chief and Newberg resident for 22 years, I believe that you deserve the best possible care in your time of need. Whether you live inside or outside the city, you should expect a skilled responder to care for an elderly parent who's fallen, a child who's suffered a seizure or a person who has experienced a cardiac arrest.

Newberg firefighters were passionate and proud to serve residents in the city and rural area, but resources were stretched thin. Additionally, I saw call volumes continue to increase year after year. TVF&R has provided additional staffing in Newberg and will add a fire station and firefighter medics in the rural area to improve response times.

For these reasons, I hope you will join me in voting to ensure the safety of our community and a permanent solution for fire and emergency medical services for rural residents.

Frank Douglas  
Retired Newberg Fire Department EMS Chief

*Information furnished by Frank Douglas*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's history is rooted in partnerships and cooperative efforts.**

In the 1940's, when our area was primarily rural, farmers and other rural residents in Washington County decided to pool their resources to provide better fire protection. That desire to combine resources and cooperate to achieve better results became a foundation principle. Over decades, several city departments and rural fire protection districts combined to form the TVF&R of today.

TVF&R provides high quality emergency medical care, fire suppression, technical and water rescue services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention and education. TVF&R provides this broad level of public safety service in both rural and urban areas. While we have evolved in our mission as life became more complex, we have kept the same ethic and stewardship of our founders by being resourceful and accountable.

If you choose to join TVF&R by voting yes on Measures 36-187 and 36-188, know that the Board of Directors is committed to ensuring that you receive excellent service and that your tax dollars invested in emergency service will be wisely spent.

**TVF&R Board President Clark Balfour**

*Information furnished by Clark Balfour*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Chehalem Valley Chamber Supports Joining TVF&R**

The Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce enables business people to accomplish collectively, what no one of them could do individually. This same concept applies to fire service. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is compiled of small cities like Newberg that can collectively provide a higher level of service and depth of resources than any one city could achieve on their own. In addition to fire and emergency medical services, Tualatin Valley has a technical rescue team, a hazardous materials team, a water rescue team and prevention personnel who help keep businesses safe through complimentary inspections to spare them from fires that can damage property. Because of economies of scale, they can do this more economically and efficiently. Having a fire service provider with rigorous response standards can also benefit insurance rates for businesses and homeowners. The Newberg Fire Department did a great job for many years with limited resources, but it's time that our growing community has enough firefighters and life saving equipment to properly protect and serve the businesses and families in the Newberg area.

*Information furnished by Sheryl Kelsh,  
Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

My name is Donny Lehmann. I'm a longtime Newberg resident and a business owner in Yamhill County. I'm writing this to show support for TVF&R. I personally want the best service available considering a majority of my children and grandchildren live in the Newberg area. Since the merger, I've had experiences with the crews from TVF&R. Two of these were emergency situations involving family members. They provided excellent care and showed concern for our family members. They also supported my community service project to have a life jacket station at Roger's Landing to prevent drownings.

In my spare time, I monitor emergency scanners in Yamhill and Washington counties. Three years ago, I created a social media site called YamCo Watch. The page was created to keep the public informed of emergencies where they live.

I wasn't initially supportive of TVF&R replacing Newberg Fire Department and Newberg Rural District, but my attitude changed after I participated in one of TVFR's community academies. After 27 hours of class and staying in a Wilsonville fire station overnight, it really opened my eyes of what they have to offer. I've also realized Newberg is growing faster than the local fire department could keep up with.

In conclusion I welcome TVF&R with open arms to Newberg and hope they can expand throughout Yamhill County because the fact is that volunteer firefighter programs aren't working like they use to.

Sincerely, Donny Lehmann

*Information furnished by Donny Lehmann*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Best Option We Have**

I was born and raised in Newberg-Dundee. I was also a Newberg Fire Department volunteer for 20 years and retired as a captain. My priority as a firefighter was to make sure my neighbors were protected, so I continued that work by serving on the Newberg Rural Fire Protection Board for 37 years.

I am proud of the work the Rural Board has done on behalf of our community, as it balanced safety and fiscal responsibility. Due to statewide measures, the rural tax amount was locked in and ended up at an unrealistic rate for a long-time. Don't get me wrong, I hate paying one penny more than I need to, but the current Rural Board have looked at the other options and we either go with TVF&R or have next to nothing for fire coverage. As a firefighter, I can't support my neighbors going unprotected and risk our community's safety. That is why I urge my fellow rural patrons to vote yes for this annexation, this will ensure we have quality fire protection and emergency medical response.

Good or bad, I've always been someone to give my honest opinion. I am not happy at all about losing our fire department, but this new district has treated myself and others with respect, they have answered questions and been straight with me and most importantly our fire service is better staffed and our community is safer.

Stan Gaibler  
Retired Newberg Rural Fire Protection Board Member

*Information furnished by Stan Gaibler*

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**Newberg Rural Fire  
Protection District**

**Measure 36-188  
Argument in Support**

**Joining TVF&R strengthens core services for Newberg area.**

I have dedicated my life to community service and creating a vibrant, livable community.

Whether it's directing the Newberg Downtown Coalition or volunteering my time with several civic organizations, I want the Newberg area to thrive for future generations including my children and grandchildren. I am comforted knowing there will be enough firefighters to appropriately manage, mitigate or prevent emergencies.

*Please join me in supporting Measure 36-188.*

**Mike Ragsdale**

Director of Newberg Downtown Coalition  
Board member of Chehalem Park and Recreation District  
Board member of the Chehalem Valley Cultural Center Association  
Member of the Yamhill County Parkway Committee  
Member of the Newberg Early Bird Rotary  
Member of the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Former State Representative and State Senator

*Information furnished by Mike Ragsdale*

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What if I forgot to put my ballot in the optional secrecy envelope and I have already sealed my blue-trimmed return envelope?**

The secrecy envelope is not required for your ballot to be counted. However, if you wish to use it, you may carefully reopen the return envelope and tape it closed again or simply come to our office for a replacement envelope.

### **What if I did not receive a ballot?**

Call the Yamhill County Elections Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg. You may need to update your voter registration.

### **I went to the DMV and got (or updated) my license but didn't receive a ballot. Why? What do I do?**

There are many reasons why the new "Oregon Motor Voter" process may not be completed in your case. Please call our office immediately for assistance.

### **What if I have moved and changed my residence or mailing address?**

You may update your voter registration at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov), or come into our office personally. You will be issued the correct ballot for your new address.

### **Is postage required if I place my ballot in an Official Ballot Drop Site?**

No.

### **Is it too late to update my voter registration?**

No, you actually have up until Election Day, November 7th, to update your voter registration and receive a ballot if you are currently registered in Oregon.

### **If I choose not to vote for a measure, will the rest of my ballot count?**

Yes.

### **When is the last day to mail my ballot and have it received by the Yamhill County Clerk's Office?**

The United States Postal Service recommends mailing 1 week before the Election (October 31st, 2017) for your ballot to reach us on time. Postmarks do not count!

### **When will results be available?**

The first results should be available just after 8:00 p.m. Election Day, November 7th. You may visit our website at <http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/elections> for results *(be sure to "refresh" your browser each time you look for new results)*.

### **What if a measure is shown on the ballot but I do not find arguments either for or against it in this Voters' Pamphlet?**

Arguments for and against measures are only included in a Voters' Pamphlet after paying a fee.

#### **Yamhill County Elections**

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You may deliver your voted ballot to the following official Yamhill County ballot drop sites, postage-free 24 hours a day — 7 days a week. Election Day, November 7, 2017, all drop sites close at 8:00 p.m.

### Dundee & Newberg Ballot Drop Sites open this election

#### Dundee

Dundee City Hall  
620 SW 5th Street

#### Newberg

Jaquith Park - West  
1215 N Main Street

#### Newberg

Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot  
401 E 3rd Street

#### Newberg

PCC - Newberg Center Parking Lot  
135 Werth Boulevard

### Lafayette & McMinnville Ballot Drop Sites open this election

#### Lafayette

Lafayette City Hall  
486 3rd Street (99W)

#### McMinnville

Chemeketa - McMinnville Campus  
288 NE Norton Lane

#### McMinnville

Yamhill County Clerk's Office  
414 NE Evans Street

#### McMinnville

Courthouse (inside lobby)  
535 NE 5th Street

#### McMinnville

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box  
East end of Courthouse Parking Lot  
Enter on 5th and Ford Streets