

FIRST UNITARIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM NOVEMBER 2018 BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

Yes on Measure 102, Allow Municipal Bond Revenue to Fund Privately

Owned Affordable Housing Initiative. This referral by the legislature changes the OR Constitution to allow public money for affordable housing to be mixed with private money to expand the reach of- public money. Oregon UU Voices for Justice and First U's Committee on Hunger and Homelessness (COHHO) and Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) recommend Vote YES.

No on Measure 103, Ban Tax on Groceries Initiative. This measure would prohibit taxes or fees on sale/distribution of groceries at the state or local level. This would prohibit the enactment of so-called soda taxes, which has been under consideration in Multnomah County for the past two years. Oregon UU Voices for Justice and First U's Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) recommends Vote NO.

No on Measure 104, Definition of Raising Revenue for Three-Fifths Vote Requirement.

This measure would enact a constitutional amendment requiring a three-fifths supermajority for legislation that raises revenue through changes in tax exemptions, credits and deductions, and fees. Submitted to halt fees on financial and real estate transactions and changes to a more progressive tax system. Rep Alyssa Keny-Guyer "This measure would hobble the ability of the state to raise money." Oregon UU Voices for Justice and First Unitarian's Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) Recommends Vote NO.

No on Measure 105, Repeal Sanctuary State Law Initiative. This measure would repeal Oregon's 30-year "sanctuary" law. This law has helped prevent racial profiling. As a "sanctuary state," Oregon law enforcement can arrest and prosecute anyone who commits a crime and provide fingerprint data to Department of Homeland Security. Undocumented residents may be held and turned over to immigration officers if a warrant has been issued for their arrest. What local and state police are not able to do is stop, detain, or interrogate someone simply because the officer suspects they are undocumented. A NO vote on Measure 105 keeps local and state law enforcement dedicated to keeping our communities safe and free from fear. **First Oregon UU Voices for Justice and First Unitarian's Immigrant Justice Action Group (IJAG), Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) and Reverend Bill Sinkford Support a NO Vote on Measure 105.**

Regional & Local Measures

No on Measure 106, Ban Public Funds for Abortions. This measure enacts a constitutional amendment that would ban public funds from being spent on abortions in Oregon, except when medically necessary or required by federal law. (Currently no federal funds may be used for abortion.) Would lead to more limits on women's rights, including access to state funded abortion for all state employees and those on the Oregon Health Plan. Oregon UU Voices for Justice, **First U's Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) and Reverend Bill Sinkford support a NO Vote.**

Yes on Portland Measure 26-200, Honest Elections. If approved by Portland voters, Measure 26-200 would establish limits on political campaign contributions/expenditures and require that the top five true funders of political ads be disclosed on the ads themselves. Oregon has no enforced limits on political campaign contributions/expenditures, and no requirements for disclosure on political ads. Multnomah county voters approved these same limits and disclosure requirements on the ballot with almost 90% approval in 2016. Portland elections, however, are the most expensive elections in the region, and therefore are most in need of such limits. **First Unitarian's Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) urges a "Yes on 26-200" vote in November.**

Yes on Portland 26-201 Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Initiative 2018, This measure would establish a surcharge on major (very major) retailers with sales in Portland to fund clean energy projects, as well as establishing pathways for funding training programs for clean energy installers and those who have been left out of the Portland economic engine. First Unitarian Portland stands with the frontline communities, those most impacted by environmental injustice, to pass this initiative. "Through the Portland Clean Energy Fund, we will lift up a community-led vision that builds resilience and wealth in the face of climate change and federal inaction." <https://www.portlandcleanenergyfund.com/> First Unitarian's Community For Earth (CFE), **Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG), and Reverend Bill Sinkford Support a YES Vote.**

Yes on Measure 26-199, The Regional Affordable Housing Bond

This Metro regional bond will fund affordable housing for low-income families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. The bond will build affordable homes and renovate existing homes for over 7,500 people, or up to 12,000 people if the statewide Measure 102 also passes. The measure is backed by an unprecedented coalition of businesses, faith leaders, nonprofit groups, communities of color and elected leaders. By addressing the affordable housing problem together as a region, more communities will contribute to the bond and benefit from it - lowering the cost for the average homeowner to \$5/month. First Unitarian's Committee on Hunger and Homelessness (COHHO) and the Economic Justice Action Group (EJAG) support a YES Vote.

VOTE!