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## For over a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the safeguard for our rich history. Measure 26-174 will help to preserve what makes our home unique, without raising taxes.

Thousands of students visit the Oregon Historical Society's museum and library each year to discover the people, places, and events that have shaped our home.

Renewing the levy will allow the Oregon Historical Society to continue its important education and preservation work, including:

- Free admission to all Multnomah County residents and school groups.
- Free public lectures.
- Original exhibitions showcasing Multnomah County's diverse cultures.
- Preservation of tens of thousands of documents and artifacts.
- Support for four local Multnomah County historical societies in East Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, and Crown Point.

Help preserve Oregon history and education, all without raising taxes. Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 26-174.

Yes for Oregon History Committee Leaders:
Dr. Jerry E. Hudson, Co-Chair, Retired President, Willamette University Anne Naito-Campbell
Avel L. Gordly
Dr. Carl Abbott, Retired PSU Professor
Mayor Shane Bemis, Mayor of Gresham
Sharon Nesbit, Troutdale Historical Society

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## Help Keep Oregon History Alive

The Oregon Historical Society Research Library is an essential tool for our state's researchers, students, and teachers. Oregonians of all stripes visit out of curiosity and come away having discovered photographs, maps, or letters connected directly to them.

Passing 26-174 will continue to support the research library, funding our preservation and digitization efforts, without raising taxes.

For more than 117 years, Oregonians have proudly supported the Oregon Historical Society in collecting, preserving, and displaying photographs, manuscripts, museum objects, and archeological finds about the history of Oregon. The Oregon Historical Society holds the largest collection in the world pertaining to the Oregon Territory. The collections are renowned and well-used by visitors seeking to learn about Oregon, scholars researching history topics for books, and local citizens interested in their neighborhoods or family history.

The collection includes:

- 85,000 artifacts
- 35,000 books
- 6,000,000 photographs
- 25,000 maps
- 12,000 feet of manuscripts
- 15,000 tilm titles
- 2,000 oral history tapes

Please join Oregon's historians and researchers by voting YES for Oregon History.

Cameron Whitten, Executive Director, Know Your City
Janice Dilg, Consulting Historian, HistoryBuilt
Johanna Ogden, M.A., Independent Historian
William F. Willingham, Ph. D., Consulting Historian
Erin E. Brasell, President, Oregon Historical Society Employees Association

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## Teachers Support Oregon History, and in return, the Oregon Historical Society supports us!

As local schoolteachers and education leaders, we have seen firsthand the impact the Oregon Historical Society has on our students as they discover the people, places, and events that have helped to shape our unique state.

By fourth grade, Oregon students have begun learning our state's local history, from early explorers, to Native American history, the Oregon Territory, and the pioneers who made it their home. In later grades, students dig into U.S. History, and are able to understand Oregon's role in our nation's story.

With Measure 26-174, Multnomah County school groups can continue to visit the Oregon Historical Society for free, making history come alive and creating a positive difference for our students.

Nothing can compare to students seeing history before them: Real beaver pelts, actual covered wagons, and the inventive tools of early settlers and Native Americans. We have seen how these experiences make our students more inquisitive and more appreciative of our state's distinctive history. By seeing artifacts firsthand, students can relate to our state's pioneering leaders like Oregon's famed suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway and Presidential of Freedom Medal awardee and civil rights leader Minoru Yasui. Bringing a subject alive keeps students engaged long after they return to the classroom.

Please joln us in voting yes for Measure 26-174 and in keeping this valuable resource available for future generations of Oregon students.

Matt Campeau, History Teacher, Wilson High School, Portland Julie Salvik, Fourth Grade Teacher, The Madeline School, Portland

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## Higher Education Professors for Oregon History Please vote Yes on Measure 26-174

Reading, studying, and interpreting Oregon's history is as important to understanding our state's past as it is to preparing for our future. Without the Oregon Historical Society, our local academics wouldn't have access to the basic information we need.

## We rely on the research library, museum, and the Oregon Historical Quarterly for its essential resources including:

Unique artifacts, including ancient items, memorabilia from Oregon's settlements, political and cultural items, items from the development of artwork and crafts, maritime history, and experiences of our diverse ethnic groups;

Millions of feet of film, videotape, microfilm, and documents. With 6 million photographs that detail Oregon's history available, there is really nothing like it in the world; and

The Oregon Historical Quarterly, a scholarly journal dedicated entirely to Oregon history.
Carl Abbott, retired Professor of Portland State University's School of Urban Studies and Planning, frequent lecturer for Oregon Historical Society programs, and author for the Oregon Encyclopedia had this to say about the Society:
"The Oregon Historical Society is a key resource for our community and state. It is an accessible educational institution and the go-to source for exploring the history of Oregon's places and people. OHS has been essential to my work in interpreting the state in books, in the Oregon Historical Quarterly and The Oregon Encyclopedia, in public presentations, and in the classroom."

We ask that you join us in voting yes for Measure 26-174, renewing support for this go-to source for Oregon's history.

Christin Hancock, Associate Professor of History, University of Portland
Professor Jacqueline K. Dirks, Reed College
Katrine Barber, Associate Professor of History, Portland State University
Larry Lipin, Professor of History, Pacific University

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## East Multnomah County History Benefits from Measure 26-174

Multnomah County history is Oregon history, from the original ancestors to the immigrants of past and present. Levy dollars enable us to preserve and pass down to future generations knowledge of the past, across our entire community.

## Passing Measure 26-174 not only assists the Oregon Historical Society, it provides essential support to four East Multnomah County Historical Societies:

- East County Historical Organization (ECHO), which put levy dollars toward continued preservation efforts for their 142-year-old Zimmerman House and 123-year-old Heslin House museums, plus made improvements to their website and services to better share historical information with the community.
- Gresham Historical Society, which has used levy funds to improve museum signage and increase attendance, plus digitize historical records, and host a year-long exhibit on the cultures that make up the Gresham community.
- Troutdale Historical Society, which has put levy dollars toward digitizing historical photographs, opening an exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway, and co-hosting a monthly speakers program.
- Crown Point Country Historical Society, which has focused levy funds on opening an Interpretive Center with indoor and outdoor displays and exhibits in Corbett and on the Historic Columbia River Highway, profiling the indigenous Peoples, explorers, and pioneers of the area.

As the directors of these regional historical societies, we know how important this levy is to the ongoing preservation of local letters, maps, oral histories, and artifacts. These are the treasures that help document the story of our unique area.

With your support for Measure 26-174, we can continue sharing knowledge, collections, expertise, and materials.

## Please vote Yes for historic preservation in ALL of Multnomah County!

Danielle Utter, Executive Director, East County Historical Organization (ECHO)
David Baumann, President, Gresham Historical Society
Charles A. Rollins, President, Crown Point Country Historical Society
Len Otto, Troutdale Historical Society

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## 26-174: A Measure with Oversight

As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

The Levy Oversight Committee ensures the Oregon Hlstorical Society has met its accountability targets, including:

- Ensuring a quality audit has been completed.
- Expanding hours of operation.
- Providing free access to Multnomah County residents.

The Levy Oversight Committee Is made up of community members, meets at least twice a year, and reports annually to the Multnomah County Board of Commlssioners.

The most recent report highlighted success on goals in 2015:

- Financial Stability, inctuding prudent spending
- Visibility
- Quality
"We feel very confident that the requirements of the levy are being met." - Nichole Maher, Levy Oversight Committee Co-Chair, in a briefing to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, September 24, 2015 (agenda item R.3)


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## A Yes Vote for Oregon History is Good for Tourism \& Business

Here in Oregon we recognize the value of our state's tourism. Indeed, Oregon tourism is a $\$ 10.3$ billion industry and is vital to our state and local economy. It provides jobs, fuels small business development, and generates revenue in every corner of the state.

Tourism Is Good Economic Development:
Portland and Multnomah County have become hot tourism destinations. The Oregon Historical Society plays an important role in Portland's Cultural District, and since voters passed the original levy five years ago, museum attendance has more than doubled.

## A Broad Reach:

In addition to supporting the Oregon Historical Society, the levy will provide funds to four East Multnomah County historical societies-including the East County Historical Organization, Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society, and Crown Point Country Historical Society-giving visitors across our region a place to learn more about Oregon.

## Continued Oversight:

As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

Preserving Oregon History Without Raising Taxes:
Renewing the levy maintains Multnomah's current tax rate, which, for a property valued at $\$ 200,000$, would cost just $\$ 10$ per year, less than the cost of one adult admission ticket to the museum and library.

Please Vote Yes for Oregon History.

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## A Vote for 26-174 is a Vote for Our Local Culture

From Portland's famous penny toss to ringing in the Chinese New Year to learning about the tragic Vanport flood, the Oregon Historical Society provides a rich and necessary context to our home, reminding us of how we got to where we are and to where we are going. It serves as our collective memory, and has done so for over a hundred years.

As leaders of Oregon's cultural and civic institutions we fully support the renewal of this important levy and recommend a Yes vote for Oregon History.

In addition, we are encouraged by the Oregon Historical Society's continued work to reflect Multnomah County's rich and diverse community-from its leadership and staff, to exhibits, partnerships, and programs.

We understand that Oregon's rich history cannot be contained within a single story or point of view, and that re-examination and new interpretations are necessary as shifts occur within our society.

This resource is essential to Oregon's cultural and civlc community, providing inspiration and knowledge. It provides a platform to ask questions, make discoveries and build connections with our neighbors.

We say Yes for Oregon History and Yes for Oregon's Cultural Fabric.
Judith Margles, Director, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education
Willie B. Richardson, President, Oregon Black Pioneers

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Measure 26-174 Fulfills a Mission Important to All Oregonians
As members of the Oregon Historical Society Board, we know the organization's mission well:
The Oregon Historical Society preserves our state's history and makes it accessible to everyone in ways that advance knowledge and inspire curiosity about all the people, places, and events that have shaped Oregon.

Renewing the upcoming levy will not only allow the Oregon Historical Society to continue its important education and preservation work, it will do it without raising taxes. In addition, the levy will:

Continue free admission to all Multnomah County residents and school groups.
Provide free public lectures and original exhibitions
Preserve tens of thousands of historical documents and artifacts, and
Provide financial support for four local East Multnomah County historical societies.
Moreover, we will continue to build on efforts to create exhibits and programming that reflect the diverse histories of our region and engages all parts of our county.

## The Oregon Historical Society is Financially Responsible and Well Managed

Finally, as board members, we can say with confidence that the Oregon Historical Society practices very strong financial management. As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

## Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 26-174.

Janet Taylor, Board President
Carl B. Christoferson, Vice President
William Valach, Treasurer
Jamieson Grabenhorst, Secretary
Alex S. Youssefian, President of the Oregon Historical Society's Cabinet
Gregory Keller
Sarah Newhall, Non-Profit Consultant

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Crown Point Country Historical Society Supports Measure 26-174
As the mission of the Crown Point Country Historical Society is "to promote and preserve the cultures and communities of this area's past and present," the CPCHS interpretive center/museum will recognize the contributions of indigenous peoples, explorers, pioneers, and all others who have lived in this beautiful part of Oregon.

Highlighted exhibits will include a Wasco longhouse, a rock wall showcasing the geological history of Oregon, an American Legion designed and sponsored Gold Star Memorial, and indoor and outdoor exhibits profiling the history and occupations of our area along the Columbia River Corridor. The proposed Interpretive center/Museum honoring our shared past will be a welcome Oregon tourist destination point on the way to Crown Point's Vista House and Multnomah Falls.

Community partners in support of this measure include:
Geri Canzler, President, Bridal Veil Historical Preservation Society
Ronald L. Cannon, President, East Multnomah County Pioneer Association
Jeff Grover, Commander, American Legion 108
Kenneth M. Smith, Tuck'ush Winch Katchia, Wasco Elder/Oral Tradition Historian
Randy Trani, Superintendent, Corbett School District \#39
Judy K. DuFresne, Co-Owner, Big Bear's Crown Point Country Market
Maureen R. Michelson, President, Columbia Grange \#267
Arnold DuFresne, Columbia Gorge Helping Hands Food Salvage
Stephen C. Wheeler, President of Columbia Rockhounds, Corbett, OR
Patrick Oldright, Corbett Country Market
Heidi "Two Bears" Katchia, Indigenous People's Pathway Chairman
Gary Law, Treasurer, Friends of Vista House
Michelle Abramson, Columbia Garden Club

