

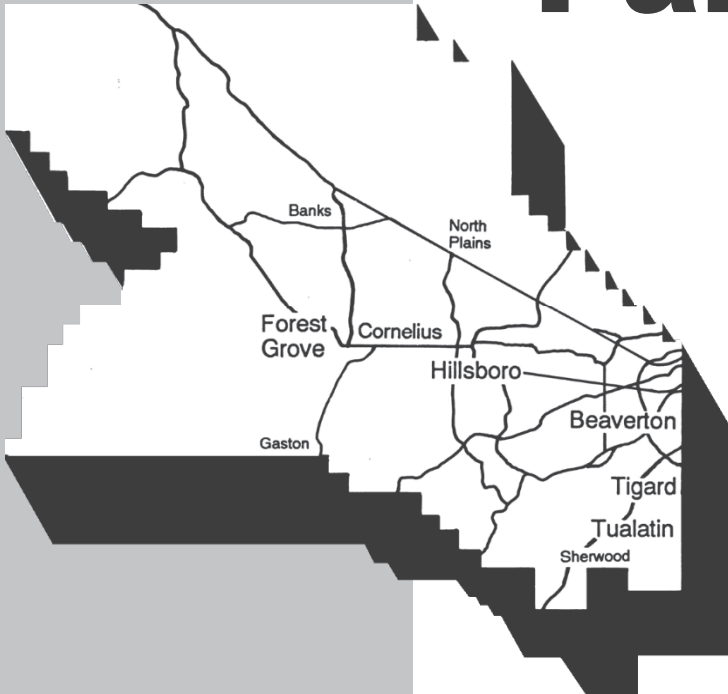


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# Washington County Voters' Pamphlet



**SPECIAL  
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November 7, 2023**

## **Washington County Board of County Commissioners**

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Pam Treece, District 2  
Roy Rogers, District 3  
Jerry Willey, District 4

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# West Linn-Wilsonville School District

## Measure No. 3-604

### Ballot Title

#### Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Tax for General Operations

**Question:** Shall District renew current \$1.50 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2025-2026? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** This local option school levy was originally approved in 2000; most recently renewed in 2019.

If approved, the measure would provide funds to maintain current West Linn-Wilsonville School District programs and staffing levels for five years. If this measure isn't approved, the District would need to reduce its budget by approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26 at current funding.

Local Option Renewal would:

- Preserve more than 90 classroom teachers, counselors, support staff.
- Maintain class size; protect class sizes supported by current levy.
- Help local schools by supplementing state funding.

Spending would be subject to audit.

Proposed rate estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26, \$14,128,884 in 2026-27, \$14,552,751 in 2027-28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029-30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.

\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is maximum rate any property would be assessed. As with current local option levy, rate for many properties expected to be less. Average rate expected at \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In no case would total education levy exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value.

### Explanatory Statement

This levy is a renewal of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District five-year Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2014, and again in 2019.

This measure would continue to fund approximately 90 teaching positions that are dependent upon local option revenue. The District would use the revenues from this measure to continue employing approximately the same number of teachers, counselors, support staff, and maintain smaller class sizes.

This levy would be used to fill the shortfall between the expected spending amount needed to maintain current teaching staff and the State school funding level. The District is seeking renewal of the current local option levy to continue to provide the same high quality level of education.

This measure would renew the levy at the same rate; current tax rates will not increase as a result. If approved, the local option rate would remain unchanged from current levels and would not exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.

The District has one of the highest graduation rates in the State of Oregon. In the past five years, District schools have received the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Niche "Best Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and staffing for Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy. West Linn-Wilsonville

students and teams have excelled in several Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) areas, including numerous state championships in various athletics and co-curricular activities.

The amount of local option tax that would be imposed on each property is difficult to predict. Actual amounts depend on Real Market Values compared to Assessed Values. However, each property's total local option tax would not exceed the existing rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 that has been in place since the local option tax started in 2000.

This local option levy is estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26, \$14,128,884 in 2026-27, \$14,552,751 in 2027-28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029-30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.

Submitted by:  
Andrew Kilstrom, Director of Communications

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# West Linn-Wilsonville School District

## Measure No. 3-604 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

Your West Linn-Wilsonville School District Board of Directors unanimously ask for your **YES VOTE FOR MEASURE 3-604 for a FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR TEACHING POSITIONS.**

**Approving this measure means your current tax rate will not increase and we can continue to fund approximately 90 vital teaching positions.**

Our current Local Option Levy funds approximately 90 teachers in our district. This Local Option Levy is critical to our budget and allows us to keep class sizes manageable. The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is regularly ranked among the best in the state. Our families and cultures of our communities and schools make the West Linn-Wilsonville School District a great place to teach.

The Board of Directors reached the decision to ask voters to pass this levy after:

- Listening to the concerns of parents and staff regarding classroom learning
- Recognizing the value of keeping our class sizes at current levels
- Honoring our duty to voters to act in a financially responsible manner
- Remaining committed to excellent educational outcomes for all students through proper staffing of our classrooms

Our high school graduation rates are among the best in Oregon. Our students achieve this success because our communities value education and invest in our K-12 schools and teachers.

Please join us in VOTING YES to retain our great teachers and maintain the excellence of our schools.

Board Chair Louis Taylor  
Board Vice-Chair Kirsten Wyatt  
Director Dan Schumaker  
Director Kelly Sloop  
Director Maegan Vidal

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This information furnished by:  
Kirsten Wyatt  
We Love WLWV School PAC

### Argument in Favor

**Vote Yes on Measure 3-604 to retain high quality teachers and staff**

Together, we share our support of Measure 3-604 to renew the Local Option Levy. We are Senator Rob Wagner and Senator Aaron Woods, and we are proud to represent West Linn and Wilsonville in the State Senate.

Our work experiences at the local, county, and state levels of government give us a clear understanding of how vital it is to fund our public education system. We do this for all our

children, for the good of our greater community, and for the future of our economy.

The West Linn-Wilsonville school district benefits from and relies upon our communities to fund 90 key positions in our schools through the Local Option Levy. This Levy benefits all the district's schools, maintaining class sizes. It is difficult to imagine what our classrooms would be like without these 90 teachers and staff in our schools.

As dedicated professionals supporting our children and our public education system, we request that you **VOTE YES FOR THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY.** Your yes vote will not change the current tax rate.

Senator Rob Wagner, Senate President  
Senator Aaron Woods

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### Argument in Favor

We, Representative Jules Walters (West Linn) and Representative Courtney Neron (Wilsonville), join together to voice our strong support for the West Linn-Wilsonville Local Option Levy renewal.

**We ask you to vote YES to Renew the Local Option Levy and continue to provide our current teaching staff level without increasing the tax rate.**

As parents in the district and as your State Representatives, we know our communities value quality education including productive class sizes. Families across the district tell us what a significant role our schools play in shaping their children and grandchildren's lives.

Renewal of this Local Option Levy will provide for our schools and our students so that the West Linn-Wilsonville district can continue its legacy of excellence. We know that vibrant public schools are cornerstones to healthy communities. This Local Option Levy will retain approximately 90 teachers across our district.

Our children thrive when we make informed and thoughtful choices on their behalf. Thank you for caring for our children and our schools in the West Linn-Wilsonville way.

**Vote YES for the Local Option Levy!**

Courtney Neron, State Representative, District 26  
Jules Walters, State Representative, District 37

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# West Linn-Wilsonville School District

## Measure No. 3-604 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

#### Strong schools = strong communities

West Linn and Wilsonville are wonderful places to live; people move here and stay here because of our libraries, parks, arts and culture, youth programs, community vibrancy, and schools.

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District connects our communities and provides our common ground. Through our school district, our community members come together to support our children and build community.

When we invest in our schools, we invest in our communities, strengthening both. Please vote yes on Measure 3-604 to:

- Preserve 90 classroom teachers, counselors, and support staff positions;
- Maintain our class sizes;
- Supplement state funding for the school district; and,
- Continue our communities' reputation as great places to live and go to school.

Please join us in supporting West Linn-Wilsonville Schools. Please vote YES on Measure 3-604!

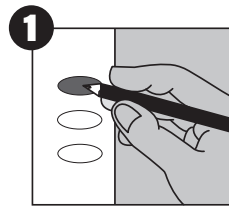
Rory Bialostosky, Mayor of West Linn  
Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of Wilsonville

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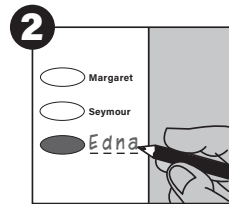
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## Complete your ballot

Carefully read and follow all instructions printed on your ballot.



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



To write-in a candidate:

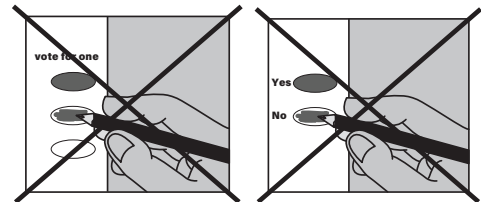
→ Clearly print their name on the blank line provided on the ballot

**-and-**

→ Fill in the oval next to the name you wrote-in

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

## Check for errors



If you vote for more than one option, your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



### Check your ballot carefully

You can not change your vote after you have returned your ballot.

Contact Washington County Elections at **(503) 846-5800** or **[elections@washingtoncountyor.gov](mailto:elections@washingtoncountyor.gov)** to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- you lose your ballot
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- or for any other reason.



# Washington County Official Ballot Drop Boxes

**Return your voted ballot to an official ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. No postage is required.**

All of the official drop boxes listed below are open 24 hours a day until the 8:00 p.m. deadline on Election Day.

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#### **CORNELIUS:**

**Cornelius City Hall**  
1355 N. Barlow St  
Cornelius, OR 97113

#### **FOREST GROVE:**

**Forest Grove City Library**  
Pacific Ave & Birch St  
Forest Grove, OR 97116

#### **HILLSBORO:**

**Washington County Elections**  
2925 NE Aloclek Dr, Ste 170  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

#### **TUALATIN:**

**Tualatin City Hall**  
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave  
Tualatin, OR 97062

Scan this QR code to see these drop box locations on a map:



You may drop off your ballot at any official ballot drop box or elections office in the State of Oregon.

# Voter Registration Information

The logo features a large, bold checkmark symbol to the left of the word "Voter". Below "Voter" are the words "Registration" and "Information" stacked vertically.

## **Registering to vote**

You are qualified to register to vote in Oregon if you can answer yes to the following questions:

- ✓ Are you a resident of Oregon?
- ✓ Are you a US citizen?
- ✓ Are you at least 16 years of age?

*If you are 16 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.*

## **How to register**

Register to vote online at **oregonvotes.gov** or pick up a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Any County Elections Office
- The Secretary of State's Office
- Some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- A voter registration drive
- Some locations of the US Postal Service
- Libraries

After completing your registration card, mail or bring it to our office in person.

The deadline for new registrations and party changes is 21 days prior to Election Day.

## **What information is required to register?**

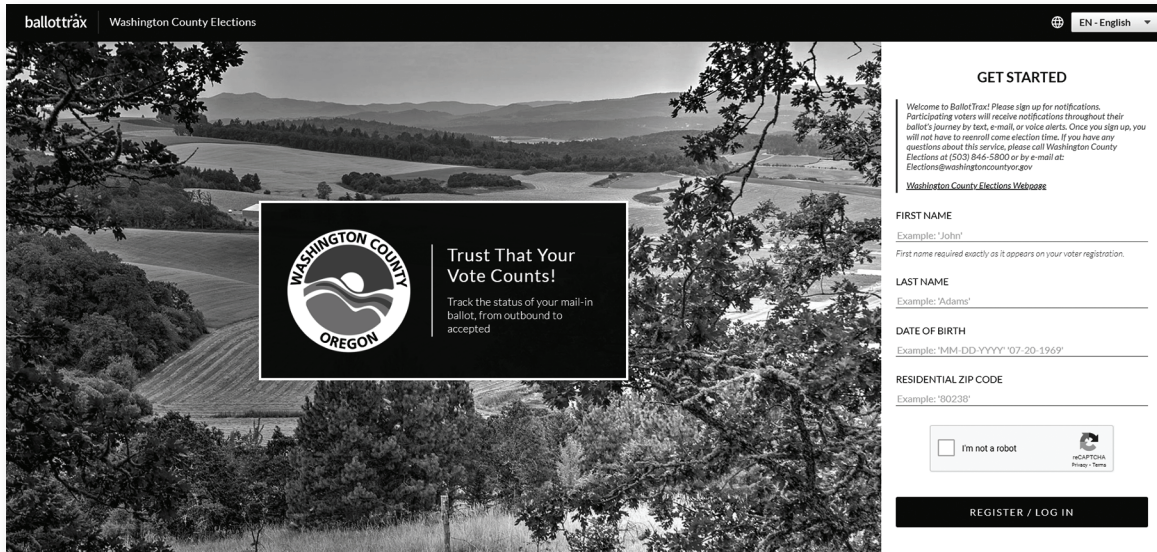
To complete your registration, you must provide the following:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Mailing address (if applicable)
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Oregon Driver's License number, Identification Card number, or a Social Security number



# Track Your Ballot!

Sign up to receive updates and notifications about your ballot from Washington County Elections. Receive text, email, or voice alerts when we have mailed your ballot, when your ballot has been received at the Elections office, and when your ballot has been accepted and counted.



Sign up at  
[washcovotes.ballottrax.net/voter](https://washcovotes.ballottrax.net/voter)  
or scan this QR code



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Washington County Elections at **(503) 846-5800** or email us at  
**[elections@washingtoncountyor.gov](mailto:elections@washingtoncountyor.gov)**

**Sign up today to begin receiving  
notifications on your ballot!**

# It's against the law to:

- ✗ sign another person's ballot return envelope for them
- ✗ vote more than once in an election or cast a fraudulent ballot
- ✗ vote a ballot if you are not legally qualified to do so
- ✗ coerce, pressure or otherwise unduly influence another voter
- ✗ sell, offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase another voter's ballot
- ✗ obstruct an entrance of a building in which a voting booth or official ballot dropsite is located
- ✗ deface, remove, alter or destroy another voter's ballot, a posted election notice or election equipment or supplies
- ✗ attempt to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of an official ballot dropsite
- ✗ establish a dropsite without displaying a sign stating "Not An Official Ballot Dropsite"

*Any violations of the identified election laws are subject to penalties ranging from Civil Penalties (Up to \$250 per violation), Class A Misdemeanors or Class C Felonies.*

For more information about voting  
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**1 866 673 VOTE / 1 866 673 8683**

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