

## Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Protections for Bull Run Watershed

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**To:** Council Clerk – Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony on Agenda items 625, 626, 627

**Dear Mayor and Council:**

**625 TIME CERTAIN: 10:05 AM** – Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Protections for Bull Run Watershed (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz) 20 minutes requested for items 625, 626 and 627

My comment: **On protecting Bull Run.** This is an important and **excellent addition to the City Charter.** Thank you PUB for requesting this from Commissioner Fritz. **Thank you Comm Fritz** for following their suggestion. There are stakeholders, including the PUB (public Utility Board) and Audubon. This is good. This protects, hopefully, Bull Run and hopefully the rest of the system from privatization from the likes of CH2MHill, Nestle, Carollo, on and on, who all would love to own this precious asset that the citizens of Portland own and take great pride in.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THESE TWO AMENDMENTS BELOW TO THE CHARTER ARE BAD BAD BAD. **These are two of the many bad deals that Randy Leonard put together when he was in office that were declared illegal in 2017 by the court in a lawsuit brought by ratepayers.** The judge found that ratepayer money was being spent on stuff that has nothing to do with the water and sewer services that we pay you guys for.

**626** Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Emergency Mutual Aid Agreements (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz)

**627** Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Public Use of City Lands for Permissive Secondary Purposes (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz)

Whose idea was this? Comm Fritz, these are NOT housekeeping items as you said in your blog. **These are proposed LAWS that y'all want to get on the CITY CHARTER that NULLIFIES the court order.** I am shocked, but not surprised. The wording so is deceptive. Again, you clearly are not interested in being transparent with the public, who will be paying for disasters anywhere – why should Portland ratepayers pay for a hurricane or earthquake somewhere else besides here in Portland?

And, the judge declared ratepayer funds to pay for hydroparks as being illegal as well.....including the maintenance. Ratepayer money from the WATER FUND should not be

used to expand this program of maintaining and building parks, community gardens, green spaces.....NO. Add a block on the water bill for CONTRIBUTIONS. Do not force us to pay for this. A single mom out in east Portland most likely can't afford this and should not be responsible for paying for this. NO. Please.

Both of these new proposed LAWS, amendments to the CITY CHARTER are about land and ratepayer money. Two things Council has control over. Please do not abuse your power here.

There are no stakeholders on these two amendments. There was no oversight. These amendments are cynical, bully-like attacks on the Portland community designed to extract more money from the ratepayers and as payback for having y'all's wrist slapped by the court for illegal spending of ratepayer money. Please vote NO on these amendments. They are not good for this city, not good for the ratepayer and are a brazen display of your arrogance.

Dee White