

EXHIBIT B

2023 BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR THE PORTLAND CHILDREN'S LEVY

CAPTION

Renew Portland Children's Levy investment for five years.

QUESTION

Shall Portland continue early childhood, child abuse and mentoring programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2024? ·

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY

Renews the Portland Children's Levy investment at current rate; supports proven programs preventing childhood hunger, child abuse and neglect, helping children arrive at school ready to learn, providing safe constructive after-school alternatives for kids, and helping foster children and youth succeed.

Funds can only be used for:

Preventing childhood hunger: giving hungry children healthy food.

Child abuse prevention and intervention: addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse, homeless youth.

Early childhood programs: making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school.

After school, summer and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of youth victimized by crime, increasing graduation rates, mentoring programs supporting transition to college and career for youth.

Foster care programs: helping foster children and youth succeed.

Accountability measures include:

- Investments subject to annual audits.
- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investments subject to oversight by a citizen committee.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

The levy will raise approximately \$24,944,885 in 2024–2025, \$25,778,359 in 2025–2026, \$26,603,267 in 2026–2027, \$27,454,571 in 2027–2028, and \$28,333,118 in 2028–2029, for a total of \$133,114,201.