

Initiative or Referendum Petition

County: _____

City: **Portland**

District: _____

Ballot Title or Measure Title

→ Insert the final ballot title of the initiative or the title of the measure as enacted by the local governing body. If there is no title chief petitioners may supply one that must include the number of the ordinance/resolution being referred and the date the local governing body adopted the ordinance/resolution.

CAPTION

Amends Charter: Portland residents decide 2% of city's annual discretionary budget.

QUESTION

Should Portland create participatory budgeting program for residents to make binding decisions to spend 2% of city's discretionary budget?

SUMMARY

Currently, the Mayor works with Council, bureaus and community to develop proposed budget. Budget is then considered, amended as needed, and adopted by Council following public hearings. Starting January 1, 2025, City Administrator will develop proposed budget under Mayor's direction.

If measure approved, amended City Charter will require Council to allocate portion of adopted budget towards a participatory budgeting program that is:

- Developed with input from a steering committee, selected by process determined by Council, of residents from all City Council districts
- Open to any resident's funding proposals for citywide or district-specific projects:
 - Proposals assessed and refined into limited number of feasible projects by city staff and budget delegates from all districts in a transparent process
 - Feasible projects advance to binding selection process open, accessible to all residents
- Operational by July 2027
- Funded annually by at least 2% of General Fund discretionary ongoing resources. Under recent forecast, preliminary estimate is:
 - 15.6 million in FY 2026-27
 - 15.9 million in FY 2027-28
- Compliant with Oregon Local Budget Law

Other provisions.

Text Proposed charter or ordinance or text of ordinance as enacted by local governing body.

Available from Circulator

Included below

Chief Petitioners Names and Residential City and State

Jim Labbe - Portland, Oregon
 Daniel Cage - Portland, Oregon
 Elona Wilson - Portland, Oregon

Instructions for Circulators

- 1 Only active registered voters of the county, city or district may sign the petition.
- 2 Have signers use a pen when signing petitions. Use a pen when you are certifying petitions.
- 3 Only one circulator may collect signatures on any one signature sheet of the petition.
- 4 You must personally witness all signatures you collect and you should not collect additional signatures on the petition sheet once you have signed and dated the circulator certification.
- 5 **It is against the law for circulators to:**
 - Circulate a petition containing a false signature.
 - Make false statements to any person who signs the petition or requests information about it.
 - Attempt to obtain the signature of a person who is not qualified to sign the petition.
 - Offer money or anything of value to another person to sign or not sign the petition.
 - Sell or offer to sell signature sheets.
 - Write, alter, correct, clarify or obscure any information about the signers unless the signer is disabled and requests assistance or the signer initials after the changes are made.
 - Accept compensation to circulate a petition that is based on the number of signatures obtained.

Warning Violations of the circulator requirements may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years.

Instructions for Signers

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign the petition. Sign your full name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Fill in the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address in the spaces provided. Only you may complete your optional information.
- 3 Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.
- 4 Use a pen when signing the petition.
- 5 **It is against the law for signers to:**
 - Sign another person's name under any circumstances.
 - Sign a petition more than one time.
 - Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

