

Havurah Shalom 2018 Ballot Measure Endorsements

One way we live Havurah's mission to promote acts of social responsibility is through political action. Havurah's Steering Committee has voted to take positions on the four ballot measures listed below based on the close alignment of these critical ballot measures with work happening in our Tikkun Olam committees. There are other measures on the ballot that also need our attention. Please read your voter pamphlet and make sure to vote!

Sanctuary (<https://orunited.org/>)

No on Measure 105 - Measure 105 on the November ballot would throw out Oregon's "Sanctuary Law", which passed more than 30 years ago with overwhelming bipartisan support. The law provides clear guidance to local police on how to handle immigration issues. It was introduced to combat racial profiling while keeping the local police focused on protecting communities. If Measure 105 passes, Oregon will be left without this guidance and these important protections. Havurah Shalom has made a formal decision to oppose Measure 105, and Rabbi Benjamin is an endorser of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIRJ) voters pamphlet argument in opposition. (Look for it when you get your voters pamphlet.) Havurah Shalom is an endorser of the Oregonians United Against Profiling Campaign.

Affordable Housing (<https://www.yesforaffordablehousing.com/>)

Yes on Measure 102 - Measure 102 is a statewide constitutional amendment that will make affordable housing dollars go further by allowing local governments to partner with non-profit and private housing providers. This measure is the most effective and efficient way to leverage public investments in affordable housing.

Yes on 26-199 - Voters in the Metro region will be asked to approve a regional bond to fund affordable housing for low-income families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. The bond will make it possible to build new affordable homes, and renovate and preserve currently affordable homes for those in need of safe, stable housing. This bond is estimated to fund homes for over 7,500 people in the region, or 12,000 people if Measure 102 (statewide constitutional amendment) is also passed.

Portland Clean Energy Fund (<https://www.portlandcleanenergyfund.com/>)

Yes on 26-201 - This local Portland measure will institute a small surcharge on large retailers operating in Portland. The proceeds will be used to fund clean energy projects and job training in low-income and minority communities most impacted by climate change in Portland.

While over the years we have taken positions on ballot measures, we are aware that there is not always consensus within our community. We will be clarifying our process for taking political positions over the next 18 months. If you are interested in helping to develop that process, please contact Chris Coughlin, Tikkun Olam Lead.