

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 19-5055 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING  
THE NOVEMBER 5, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION ABSTRACT OF VOTES FOR METRO  
AND AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF THE PARKS AND NATURE PROGRAM  
DURING REFINEMENT PLANNING

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

The Metro Code requires that the Metro Council “proclaim” the results of the November 5th general election regarding Metro Measure 26-203. In addition, the parks and nature program needs authorization to continue its work while staff prepares plans to implement the new bond measure.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The action requested is for the Metro Council to proclaim the results of the general election, as required by law, and at the same time, authorize use of existing program authorities to implement the new measure until refinement planning on the new measure is complete.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Allows staff to continue work on existing programs while new bond measure planning occurs.

**POLICY QUESTION(S)**

Should existing work on the parks and nature program continue while refinement planning for new programs occurs?

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

As an alternative to the action requested, the Metro Council could halt existing work while implementation planning for the new bond measure occurs.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Proclaim the results of the election as required by law, and at the same time, authorize the continuation of the existing program during refinement planning for the new measure.

**STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Legal Antecedents

- Metro Council Resolution No. 19-4988, For the Purpose of Submitting to the Voters of the Metro Area General Obligations Bonds in the Amount of \$475 Million to Fund Natural Area and Water Quality Protection and to Connect People to Nature Close to Home; and Setting Forth the Official Intent of the Metro Council to Reimburse Certain Expenditures Out of the Proceeds of Said Bonds Upon Issuance (June 6, 2019)
- Metro Code Chapter 9.02.040(d)
- Metro Council Resolution No. 14-4536, For the Purpose of Amending and Updating the Natural Areas Implementation Work Plan (August 14, 2014)
- Metro Council Resolution No. 97-2483, For the Purpose of Authorizing the Executive Officer to Execute Current and Future Leases Related to Metro's Open Spaces (April 17, 1997)

## **BACKGROUND**

Voters of greater Portland approved Measure 26-203 at the November 5, 2019, general election. The Metro Code requires the Metro Council to proclaim the results in its records and at the same time, it's important to continue the existing program in effect while staff prepares plans to implement the new bond measure. Allowing the leasing policy and the Natural Areas Work Plan to apply to funding provided by Measure 26-203 will ensure continuity between the work of the 2006 bond measure and the new funding.