

yes FOR Oregon History

VOTE YES ON 26-174



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The Oregon Historical Society has the most comprehensive resources available to learn about our state’s unique history. This May, Multnomah County voters will have an opportunity to renew the Oregon Historical Society levy, providing funding for important educational and cultural preservation programs, without raising taxes. Renewing the levy enables the Society’s museum and library to continue offering free admission to Multnomah County residents and school groups, and continues support for four East Multnomah County historical societies: East County Historical Organization (ECHO), Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society, and Crown Point Country Historical Society.

The Oregon Historical Society has served as the safeguard of our state’s rich history for over a century, helping to preserve what makes our home unique. This May, **vote YES for Oregon History.**

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Yes for Education

Students from all over the state visit the Oregon Historical Society’s museum and library each year to discover the people, places, and events that have shaped our state.

Renewing the levy will allow the Oregon Historical Society to continue offering free admission to Multnomah County residents and school groups. The levy will also support free public lectures and the creation of scholarship and exhibits which represent Multnomah County’s diverse cultures.

Yes for Preservation

For over 117 years, the Oregon Historical Society’s archivists have collected and preserved tens of thousands of historical documents, photos, books, maps, and artifacts. Renewing the levy supports the continued preservation of these treasures, and provides access to archives that are kept by four East Multnomah County historical societies.

How it Works

Renewing the levy allows OHS to continue its important education and preservation work without increasing taxes.

With renewal of the levy, a home assessed by the county at \$200,000 would continue to pay just \$10 a year. An independent citizen oversight committee ensures levy funds are used appropriately, reviews audits of levy spending, and reports annually to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

Oregon Historical Society by the numbers:

- 117** years old
- 70,000** annual visitors
- 8,800** K-12 visitors
- 85,000** artifacts
- 35,000** books
- 6,000,000** photographs
- 25,000** maps
- 12,000** feet of manuscripts
- 15,000** film titles
- 2,000** oral history tapes