

# Ballot Measure 34-250

**CAPTION:**

BONDS FOR EARTHQUAKE-RESISTANT PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

**QUESTION:**

Shall Beaverton issue up to \$35 million general obligation bonds to construct and equip an earthquake-resistant public safety center? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Sections 11 and 11 b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:**

Approval of this measure authorizes the city to finance the capital costs of constructing and equipping an earthquake-resistant public safety center on property already owned by the city. The building would house the city's police department, emergency management division and other public safety services.

The city would issue up to \$35 million in general obligation bonds to pay for the capital costs of the public safety center and for bond issuance costs. Costs would include: public safety center design and construction; site and access improvements; and building fixtures, furnishings and equipment.

The tax rate for the bonds is estimated to not exceed 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$50 per year for property with assessed value of \$250,000. Actual rates may vary depending upon market conditions. Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

**MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

**What would this bond do?**

The \$35 million bond would build a new public safety center to address safety and security concerns with the current location on SW Griffith Drive. The center would be built to modern earthquake and safety standards for police stations and emergency operation centers. This would ensure safe and uninterrupted police and emergency services in the event of a natural disaster.

**What will this bond cost?**

Because of the upcoming retirement of previous bonds used to construct the Beaverton City Library, this measure is expected to result in no increase in the city's existing overall bond tax rate of about 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

**Proceeds from the bond measure would help the City of Beaverton to:**

- Construct an earthquake-resistant public safety center that meets modern earthquake and safety standards for police and emergency responders.
- Ensure that the city has appropriate space to meet and interview crime victims.
- Improve the safety of community members visiting the public safety center.
- Provide Beaverton a police building that is designed for the unique nature of police operations.
- Ensure that juveniles are appropriately separated from in-custody adults.
- Improve efficiencies by consolidating police functions under one roof and eliminate current leased space expenses for police functions dispersed throughout the city.
- Create a dedicated emergency operations center, with modern equipment, that would remain operational during disasters including wind, flood, and earthquake events, to ensure the city's ability to respond to community needs.

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## **Project Details**

The public safety center is planned for central Beaverton, at the intersection of SW Hall and Allen Boulevards on city-owned property. This location is where three police precincts meet, and would allow the police and other emergency responders to respond quickly and efficiently to all parts of Beaverton.

The city's police department and emergency management functions would be located in the new building. State law classifies police stations and emergency operation centers as essential facilities that must be built to higher standards than typical office buildings.

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### **Broad Community Support for Measure 34-250 Yes for Safer City and Same Tax Rate**

#### **Measure 34-250 is endorsed by the following:**

#### **Public Safety Facility Advisory Committee**

##### **Members**

Jim McCreight, Chairman Public Safety Facility  
Advisory Committee

Domonic Biggi

Lorraine Clarno, Public Safety Advisory  
Committee

Pryor Garnett

Jaann Hoisington

Brian J. Martinek, Executive Director NWRRC  
and Public Safety Facility Advisory Committee  
Member

Tobias Read

Mark Reser

John Van Zonneveld

#### **City of Beaverton Elected Officials**

Denny Doyle, Mayor of Beaverton

Cate Arnold

Lacey Beaty

Mark Fagin, Beaverton City Councilor

Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor

#### **Business Leaders and Supporting Businesses**

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

Russ Humberston

Jerry Jones Jr.

J. Greg Ness, President, Chairman & Chief  
Executive Officer Standard Insurance  
Company

Nike

Portland General Electric (PGE)

Patricia Reser

Pamela Treece, Executive Director, Westside  
Economic Alliance

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Vernier Software & Technology

#### **Area Elected Leaders**

John Cook, Mayor of Tigard

Lou Ogden, Mayor of Tualatin

Peter Truax, Mayor of the City of Forest Grove

Jerry Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro

Andy Duyck

Greg Malinowski, Washington County  
Commissioner for District 2

Dick Schouten, Washington County Commissioner

Sheriff Pat Garrett, Washington County

State Representative Jeff Barker

Margaret Doherty

State Representative Ken Helm, House District 34

Sam Chase

Shirley Craddick

Kathryn Harrington, Metro Councilor

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

Anne Bryan

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Clark Balfour, TVF&R Board Member

Brian Clopton, TVF&R Board Member

Gordon Hovies, TVF&R Board President,  
Beaverton Resident

Randy Lauer, TVF&R Board Member

Robert Wyffels, TVF&R Board Member

#### **Community Leaders and Organizations**

Beaverton Police Association

Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union

Domestic Violence Resource Center

James Monger, Beaverton Police Chief

David G. Bishop

Geoff Spalding, Retired Police Chief

Vicki Comer

William F. (Frosty) Comer, Beaverton Committee  
for Community Involvement

Michael Dillon

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Ronda Groshong, Domestic Violence Resource  
Center Board Member

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-250

*Safer City – Same Tax Rate*

#### BEAVERTON'S PROBLEM:

*An outdated, inadequate public safety and emergency response center*

For 30 years, Beaverton police and emergency management have operated from a building not intended to provide police or emergency services. The facility is not earthquake-resistant, has inadequate security and communications technology and requires citizens and victims to be within close proximity of criminals.

Measure 34-250 resolves these community safety problems. The measure provides for construction of a new center on city-owned land at the corner of SW Allen Blvd and Hall Street. It will be earthquake-resistant, emergency-ready and designed so citizens and victims will no longer be in proximity to detained criminals.

Important to note, Measure 34-250 does not increase the current tax rate on Beaverton residents because it replaces bonds being paid off to fund city library construction.

#### STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SAFETY:

**YES ON MEASURE 34-250**

*Ensure police and first-responders are emergency-ready and earthquake-safe*

Measure 34-250 provides that in the event of a natural disaster, terrorism, mass shooting or significant crime event, police and emergency responders can act swiftly – in a secure, earthquake-resistant facility with access to the equipment and communications necessary to protect the community.

#### PROTECT VICTIMS:

**YES ON MEASURE 34-250**

*Separate citizens, crime victims and minors from detained criminals*

Beaverton's current public safety building places citizens and crime victims within close physical proximity of detained criminals. Measure 34-250 will eliminate an intimidating and unsafe environment.

#### FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE:

**YES ON MEASURE 34-250**

*Maintain same city tax rate and build on city-owned land*

Measure 34-250 does not increase residents' tax rates -- it replaces expiring bonds used to fund city library construction. The city will build the public safety center on land it already owns at the corner of Allen Blvd and Hall Street, reducing construction costs.

#### ENDORSED BY:

#### Public Safety Facility Advisory Committee Members

Jim McCreight, Chairman  
Domonic Biggi  
Lorraine Clarno  
Pryor Garnett  
Jaann Hoisington  
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Mark Reser  
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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### **Beaverton City Leaders Urge Yes Vote on 34-250 Yes for Public Safety Yes for Same Tax Rate**

Beaverton's police force moved into a commercial office building in 1986, as a temporary location until a suitable building was constructed. That "temporary" situation has lasted for 30 years. It's time for our police and emergency responders to operate out of a building designed to meet today's challenges from natural disasters to crime.

Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million to build a police and emergency response center on city-owned land – and it does so **without increasing Beaverton's tax rate**. It simply replaces bonds that funded library construction when those are paid off.

#### **Let's Be Prepared**

The current center does not meet federal standards for withstanding natural disasters like an earthquake and sits in an active flood zone. An earthquake would render the current building unusable and limit our ability to maintain order and coordinate crucial services.

#### **Let's Be Safe**

The current building is not designed for police work. A new building needs safe public areas, where victims and the community can interact with police without encountering prisoners. The building needs modern and secure holding cells and secure parking for police vehicles and equipment.

#### **Let's Be Financially Prudent**

Measure 34-250 does not increase your tax rate – it replaces bonds that are being paid off for library construction. The bond tax rate will remain about 20 cents per \$1,000

of assessed value, or approximately \$50 per year for property with an assessed value of \$250,000.

#### **Now Is the Time**

As your elected leaders, we urge you to provide our police and emergency services with a modern home, designed for safety, efficiency, and durability, that will allow each to operate to its full capacity, while protecting the safety of visitors, victims, and the community.

#### **Vote YES for Measure 34-250!**

Mayor Denny Doyle  
Council President Marc San Soucie  
Councilors Cate Arnold, Lacey Beaty, and  
Mark Fagin

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### **Beaverton's Business Community Endorses Measure 34-250 Vote Yes for a Safer City – Without Increasing Your Tax Rate**

Beaverton Chamber of Commerce says  
Measure 34-250 is **FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE**

- Measure 34-250 is a sound solution to the city's existing, outdated police and emergency response center – which doesn't meet federal safety standards and wouldn't withstand an earthquake.
- Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million for a new building but it doesn't increase your overall tax rate. That's because it will replace bonds that were used to construct the Beaverton City Library 20 years ago. This means your tax rate won't increase.
- The tax rate for the bonds is about 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$50 per year for property with an assessed value of \$250,000.
- The center will be built at the corner of SW Hall and Allen on city-owned land, which will reduce costs.

Beaverton Chamber of Commerce says  
Measure 34-250 will make Beaverton a  
**BETTER PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.**

- Measure 34-250 is supported by the Beaverton Chamber because a thriving community needs a strong police and emergency system that's ready for anything.
- The current public safety center is a commercial office building that was not built for the modern needs of police or emergency responders – it doesn't meet federal safety standards and would be rendered useless in an earthquake.

- Police functions are currently dispersed throughout the city which reduces the city's ability to respond to major emergencies in the most efficient manner.
- In the event of a natural disaster or mass shooting at a school or shopping center, Beaverton first responders need the equipment and facilities to coordinate an effective response that returns the city to order and allows businesses to operate. Measure 34-250 will give our business community that peace of mind.

### **BEAVERTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE URGES YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-250!**

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-250

#### **A safer Beaverton – same tax rate**

Since 1986, Beaverton's Police Department has been housed in an office building unsuitable for police work. Prisoner custody, weapons maintenance, evidence inventory, providing services when the earthquake hits, and ensuring victims' safety are all severely restricted in our current location. The time is now for Beaverton to have a dedicated public service building with the security features and technology infrastructure needed to keep Beaverton safe.

#### **MEASURE 34-250 MEANS MORE OFFICER TIME IN THE COMMUNITY**

Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million for a new police and emergency management center that will allow Beaverton Police to consolidate all of its facilities into one central building. That means more officer time spent in neighborhoods serving residents, and less time spent traveling between evidence and other locations.

#### **YES ON 34-250 FOR A SAFER BEAVERTON**

Measure 34-250 will finally provide a suitable building for police work like processing evidence, holding prisoners, interviewing victims and using high-tech equipment to investigate cyber-crimes. This means more crimes solved faster, a safer place for victims to work hand-in-hand with officers to get criminals off our streets, and the ability to keep seniors and kids safe from online predators.

#### **THE TIME IS NOW: YES ON 34-250**

Our chance to equip our officers to keep Beaverton safe in the time of a terrorist attack or catastrophic event is NOW.

Measure 34-250 gives Beaverton an earthquake resistant, public safety center in a location that's already owned by the city and keeps the current tax rate the same.

#### **OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU**

The Beaverton Police Department works hand in hand with victims, schools, churches, neighborhoods, businesses, families and individuals to keep Beaverton safe. Vote YES on 34-250 so we can continue to provide the high-quality, community policing services you deserve.

#### **ENDORSED BY:**

James Monger, Beaverton Police Chief  
Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett  
David G. Bishop, Retired Police Chief  
Geoff Spalding, Retired Police Chief

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### **VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE COMMUNITY DESERVE BETTER Vote Yes on Measure 34-250**

Imagine being the victim of a crime – armed robbery or domestic violence assault – and then coming to a police station where you're forced to be in close physical proximity to suspects and criminals. Rather than feeling safe and protected – you feel intimidated and victimized again.

That's the situation at Beaverton's current public safety center. The police force moved into a commercial office building 30 years ago, as a temporary location. And 30 years later, the force is still operating out of the outdated building that fails to meet modern safety standards AND the safety needs of the community.

### **Yes on 34-250 to Create Safe Space for Domestic Violence Victims**

Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million dollars – without increasing your tax rate – to construct a modern police and emergency response center that has the appropriate space to interview victims of domestic violence where they, and often their children, will feel safe from harm.

### **Yes on 34-250 to Protect Women, Men and Children**

The ugly truth is – 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will be victims of severe intimate partner violence at some time in their lives. The odds go up for those between the ages of 18 and 28. A police force that is fully equipped to answer domestic violence calls makes us all safer. Officers will be able to intervene more quickly and reduce the violence, particularly when a deadly weapon is on the scene.

### **Yes on 34-250 for Stronger Police Response**

It's time to house police and emergency services in a building that's equipped to efficiently dispatch officers. When it comes to domestic violence intervention, police are our first responders. Measure 34-250 will give Beaverton police the right infrastructure for responding to domestic violence victims.

### **Endorsed by:**

Sara Wade, Executive Director  
Domestic Violence Resource Center

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS URGE A YES VOTE ON MEASURE 34-250!**

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-250

#### *A safe and ready Beaverton – same tax rate*

The City of Beaverton is located inside the Cascadia Subduction Zone, where Scientists have predicted a high likelihood of a mega earthquake in the next 50 years. The quake will trigger a Tsunami, landslides and major infrastructure failures. When it happens, your police department is committed to being there for you and your family, doing everything we can to keep our City safe. But Beaverton's current police building will not withstand an earthquake, and is located in a flood zone. If the big one hits tomorrow, we are not equipped to continue to provide services. **Measure 34-250 fixes that.**

### YES ON 34-250 FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING THAT WILL WITHSTAND AN EARTHQUAKE

Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million to build a new police and emergency management center that will withstand an earthquake and allow police officers to be the front line, working hand-in-hand with local, state and federal agencies to keep residents safe in the case of a catastrophic event, mass shooting or earthquake.

### YES ON 34-250 FOR A MORE EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE POLICE FORCE

Measure 34-250 provides a centrally-located building that not only meets seismic standards for a public safety facility, but also has the infrastructure needed to carry out police functions like prisoner custody, evidence processing and inventory, and weapons maintenance.

### YES ON 34-250 FOR VICTIM SAFETY

Information provided to police by crime victims is critical to putting criminals behind bars. Our current police facility has no place for victims to feel secure and be interviewed by officers – out of the line of sight of the very criminals who victimized them. Measure 34-250 provides victims with a safe environment to work with police to get criminals off the streets.

### ENDORSED BY:

Beaverton Police Association  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union  
Officer Dan Coulson  
Sergeant Robert Davis  
Officer Ed Mastripolito

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

### LET'S BE PREPARED FOR THE BIG ONE

#### Vote Yes on Measure 34-250

#### Emergency-Ready City – Same Tax Rate

The famed 2015 *New Yorker* article spelled it out in frightening terms. When a major earthquake hits the Northwest, our region “will suffer the worst natural disaster in the history of North America.” (Source: <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/07/20/the-really-big-one>)

Scientists predict the Big One will strike in the next 50 years. And Beaverton needs to be ready.

But today's police and emergency response center is woefully inadequate. Housed in a commercial office building, Beaverton's current public safety building would be reduced to rubble during a major earthquake – preventing our front-line responders from being able to coordinate the massive response required to save lives and return order to the community.

#### **Yes on 34-250: Give Beaverton the emergency response center it needs.**

Measure 34-250 raises \$35 million to build a new public safety center for police and emergency services without increasing your tax rate. The bonds will replace ones being paid off to fund library construction. The new center will be designed to meet federal earthquake and safety standards and will be equipped with modern equipment that can withstand the worst of the worst: wind storms, massive flooding and earthquakes.

#### **Yes on 34-250: Better communication and coordination.**

Emergency response teams work across multiple departments and agencies to coordinate swift and effective responses. We need our services housed in a facility designed to facilitate smooth communications across many channels at the same time.

#### **Yes on 34-250: Improve response to emergencies that happen every day.**

Beaverton's emergency response is called out on a daily basis to manage a range of incidents from hazardous material spills to tree branches blocking streets. A suitable building for emergency services will speed up our ability to respond to these events and prevent further disruption and inconvenience to the community.

#### **ENDORSED BY:**

**Lyndon Moore, Vice Chair/Volunteer,  
Community Emergency Response Team  
Steering Committee**