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## Campaign to Limit Money in Multnomah County Candidate Campaigns Gathers Steam

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Just weeks after it became clear that Multnomah County residents will get to vote on a campaign finance reform measure in November, a grassroots campaign has mobilized in favor of the proposal, Measure 26-184, gaining support from dozens of organizations and individuals. The group is Honest Elections Multnomah County.

“A great many Multnomah County residents support campaign finance reform and getting big money out of politics. They understand that a yes vote for this measure is a vote towards a true government of, by and for the people,” said Moses Ross with [Honest Elections Multnomah County](http://www.honest-elections.com).

[Measure 26-184](#) would establish three key reforms:

- Limiting contributions to any candidate from any individual or political action committee to \$500.
- Limiting the amount of money that can be spent independently — separate from money given directly to candidates — supporting or opposing a candidate.
- Requiring that political advertisements disclose the real identities of the principal funders of the ad.

The measure would set no limits on spending by “small donor” committees which receive donations only from individuals and only in amounts of \$100 or less per year.

Measure 26-184 arrived on the ballot as a result of the work by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee, a group of county residents convened every six years to study and propose amendments to the county charter.

“The need for campaign finance reform is the biggest political issue of our time,” said Juan Carlos Ordóñez, who along with Ross served on the recent Multnomah County Charter Review Committee and is also part of Honest Elections Multnomah County. “Getting big money out of politics will empower ordinary voters and force candidates to spend time listening to the needs of county residents, not big-moneyed interests.”

In less than a month, the following organizations have come out in support of the measure: Alliance for Democracy, Portland Forward, Sierra Club of Oregon, Health Care for All Oregon, Jobs with Justice, Represent Portland, Move to Amend PDX, Democracy Spring Portland, Economic Justice, Action Group of 1st Unitarian Church, Independent Party of Oregon, Occupy PDX - Elder Caucus, Oregon Progressive Party, Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice, Pacific Green Party, Real Wealth of Portland, Working Families Party.

For more information about Measure 26-184 and Honest Elections Multnomah County, visit [www.honest-elections.com](http://www.honest-elections.com).

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