

Exhibit B
BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR CHILDREN'S LEVY

CAPTION

Renew Five-year levy for Children's Investment Fund

QUESTION

Shall Portland continue supporting child abuse prevention, foster children, early childhood, after school programs, renewing five-year levy starting 2009?

This Measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

SUMMARY

Measure would continue financing the Children's Investment Fund to support proven programs designed to help children arrive at school ready to learn, provide safe and constructive after school alternatives for kids, help foster children and prevent child abuse and neglect and family violence.

This Children's Investment Fund can only be used for:

- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- **Early childhood programs:** making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school.
- **After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- **Children in foster care programs:** helping foster children succeed who have been abused and neglected.

Accountability measures include:

- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investment fund subject to oversight by a citizen committee.
- Investment fund subject to annual audits.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

Levy is \$0.4026 per \$1000 of assessed property value, and produces an estimated \$14 million per year for 5 years.