

## **Exhibit A: 2008 Children's Levy Ballot Measure**

### **Measure 26-94**

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 3 percent.

#### **Summary**

Measure would continue financing 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, helps 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 prepare 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 percent.

Levy is \$0.4026 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and produces an estimated \$14 million per year for five years.