



## Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet Argument Statement Instructions

1. **The Argument Statement shall be typed and attached to a completed and signed Measure Argument Submission Form. The text of the Argument will be printed as submitted.** The County Clerk's office will not correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar or syntax. No corrections to these errors will be allowed after the filing deadline. Please proof your submission before filing.
2. The word total shall be limited to 325 words and shall fit within 30 square inches of space.
3. Generally, any word found in a dictionary counts as one word. Hyphenated words that are listed in a dictionary as one word and can be used either with or without a hyphen will count as one word. All other hyphenated words will count as more than one word.
4. The Argument Statement shall be signed by the person responsible for the content of the argument and shall include the name of the organization the person represents, if any.
5. All information cited or quoted from previously published material must include the source and date of publication. (Example: *The Oregonian*, January 2, 2025.)
6. Any endorsement by an individual or an organization, which was not previously made public, must be accompanied by the County Endorsement Form. **Do Not Use SEL 400.**
7. The Election Official shall reject any Argument Statement (ORS 251.415) which:
  - a. Contains any obscene, profane or defamatory language;
  - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or
  - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mail.
8. The Argument Statement and filing fee or petition **shall be filed no later than 5 pm as shown in the table below.**

ELECTION:	March 10, 2026	May 19, 2026	August 25, 2026	November 3, 2026
Deadline:	January 12, 2026	March 23, 2026	June 29, 2026	September 8, 2026

10. **Filing by Fee (OAR 165-016-0095):**

<b>Electoral District's Active Voter Registration</b>	<b>Argument Statement Filing Fee</b>
Less than 1,000 within the county	\$100
1,000 to 4,999 within the county	\$200
5,000 to 9,999 within the county	\$250
10,000 to 24,999 within the county	\$350
25,000 and over within the county	\$400

11. **Filing by Petition:**

A petition shall contain the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure or the signatures of 1,000 electors in the district eligible to vote on the measure, whichever is less. A petition shall be verified before filing the Argument Statement.

12. **Submitting your Filing:**

a. The text of the argument must be submitted on a separate piece of paper with the Measure Argument Submission form completed, signed and dated. Indicate on the form in the area designated for the text "SEE ATTACHED". **The Submission form must be signed.**

b. Print, sign and submit original form with payment to: Deschutes County Clerk's Office  
1300 NW Wall Street, Suite 202  
PO Box 6005  
Bend, OR 97708-6005

c. Email an electronic version in a word processing format to: **Filings@deschutescounty.gov**

13. Argument Statements shall become public record on the 4<sup>th</sup> business day after the filing deadline.

14. Voters' pamphlets are prepared county by county. If the measure will be on the ballot in more than one county and you would like to have your Argument Statement in the voters' pamphlet in those counties, you must submit an Argument Statement and filing fee or petition with each county's election office. Check with each county for information on appropriate forms.



## Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument Submission Form

**!** Important! Read all instructions before completing this form.

### 1. Filing Information

Election Date:

☐ Amended Statement

☐ Argument in Favor

☐ Argument in Opposition

Measure #

Argument Order # (if submitting multiple arguments)

### 2. Filer Checklist for Measure Argument Submission Form for County Voters' Pamphlet

- ☐ Typewritten & signed Measure Argument Submission Form and attached Measure Argument for County Pamphlet.
- ☐ Fee or certified signature petition sheet (Petition ID # \_\_\_\_\_) provided.
- ☐ (If applicable) Endorsement Form(s) attached.
- ☐ Word Count (325 MAX).

### 3. Argument paid for or petition provided by

Name:

Phone:

Person/organization paying or submitting petition for Measure Argument

Email:

### 4. Contact information for authorized changes

Name:

Phone:

Person authorized to make changes to Measure Argument

Email:

### 5. "This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) *Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)*

Name of person:  
(required)

Organization Name:  
(if applicable)

### 6. Attestation

By signing this document, I hereby state I am responsible for the content of this argument, (ORS 251.415)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person furnishing argument

(E-signatures must represent the signer's true/"wet" signature to be accepted.)

Date Signed

#### For Office Use Only

Word Count (325 Maximum):

Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE SHEET

### PETITION FOR INCLUSION OF ARGUMENT IN THE DESCHUTES COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

To the Deschutes County Clerk, we the undersigned electors, request that the attached argument in support/opposition to Measure \_\_\_\_\_ be included in the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet. We have not previously signed a petition for inclusion of this argument.

PRINT NAME	DATE SIGNED MONTH/DAY/YEAR	SIGNATURE	RESIDENCE ADDRESS NUMBER AND STREET	CITY	PRECINCT
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby state that every person who signed this petition sheet did so in my presence, and I believe that each individual is an elector eligible to vote on the measure. (ORS 250.045)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Circulator)



## Deschutes County Statement of Endorsement Instructions for County Voters' Pamphlet

### General Information

- The Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet Statement of Endorsement form must be received together with a Candidate Statement or Measure Argument in the County Elections office by 5 pm on the pamphlet filing deadline. Postmarks do not count. No changes will be allowed to an Endorsement submittal after the 5 pm deadline. Endorsement forms without signatures or received after the 5 pm deadline will be rejected.
- Electronic Signatures are accepted. E-signatures must represent the signer's true/"wet" signature to be accepted. Digital Signatures (typewritten/fonts, digital certificates, etc.) will not be accepted.
- Endorsements are included in the word count of the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument.

**This County Statement of Endorsement Form must be filed with the statement or argument it relates to by the voters' pamphlet filing deadline.**

**Attention:** If the County Endorsement Form is not received, the person or organization whose name is mentioned will be edited from the candidate statement or measure argument.

If the information contained in the Section 3 of the County Statement of Endorsement Form does not match what is printed in the candidate statement or measure argument, the candidate statement or measure argument will be edited to match Section 3 of the County Statement of Endorsement Form.

## Endorsement Options

If the name of a person or organization (other than the person and/or organization submitting the statement), or an unpublished quote, is used in a submitted Candidate Statement or Measure Argument to endorse or support the candidate or measure, the filer must submit a *Statement of Endorsement* form.

### Option 1 – Determined by the Filer

This endorsement option allows the filer to determine how the endorser's name, title and any other information about the endorser will appear in the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument. This method must be signed by the endorsing person, or by an endorsing organization's authorized representative, to provide the filer with the endorser's consent.

### Option 2 – Determined by the Endorser

This endorsement option requires the filer to publish the endorser's name, title and any other information about the endorser that appears in the Candidate Statement or Measurement Argument, exactly as written in the 'Text for Publication' box. This method must be signed by the endorsing person, or by an endorsing organization's authorized representative, to provide the filer with the endorser's consent.

#### Example: Option 1 – Determined by the Filer

- Candidate Statement language: "Cooper City Council unanimously endorses this candidate for Sheriff."
- Endorsement Filings: A completed form from every member of the Cooper City Council with "Cooper City Council" included in the "Organization Name I am authorized to represent, if any" box.

#### Example: Option 2 – Determined by the Endorser

- Candidate Statement language: "Cooper City Council unanimously endorses this candidate for Sheriff."
- Endorsement Filings: A completed form from every member of the Cooper City Council with the Text for Publication box containing the words: "Cooper City Council unanimously endorses this candidate for Sheriff."

## Quotes

If a previously publicly published quote is used, no Endorsement form is necessary. The quotation must have been published to the public prior to its inclusion in the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument and the quotation must be identified in either statement by its source and date of publication/dissemination.

#### Example 1 - for identifying the source of a quote:

Author Name (if applicable), Newspaper Name or Magazine Name or Book Title, Date of Publication; Author Name (if applicable), Website ([www.electionquote.com](http://www.electionquote.com)), Date of Posting.

#### Example 2 - of quotes:

"In the latest edition of the *NW Times*, the editorial board in the paper said this about me "... that Joe Smith is the best person for the job." *NW Times*, 11/24/2025."



County Clerk

## Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet Statement of Endorsement

**! Warning** Submitting a false signature on this statement is a violation of ORS 251.405, subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1000.

**1. Filing Information** This Statement of Endorsement is valid for the election below

Election Date:

**2. Statement of Endorsement Filing Information**

Candidate Statement

Candidate Name:

**OR**

Measure #

Name of Person Who Furnished Argument:

Endorser Name:

Organization Name I am authorized to represent, if any:

**3. Endorser Options (Select Only One)**

**Option 1 - Determined by Filer** (This option allows the filer to determine how your name, the name of the organization you represent, if any, and other information about you will appear in the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument.)

**Option 1 - Consent**

I give consent to the filer named on this form to use my name, applicable title, and/or the name of the organization I am authorized to represent, if any, and other biographical information about me in a Candidate Statement or Measure Argument by the filer listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

(E-signatures must represent the signer's true/"wet" signature to be accepted.)

**Date Signed**

**OR**

**Option 2 - Determined by Endorser** (This option requires the filer to publish your name, title, the name of the organization you represent, if any, and other information about you exactly as you specify in the 'Text for Publication' box below).

**Option 2 - Text for Publication (cannot be left blank)**

In the space below, you must provide your name and/or the name of the organization you are authorized to represent exactly as it should appear in the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument. Your organization's name should only be used if the organization is endorsing the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument. Your title must also be listed in this section if it is to appear in the Candidate Statement or Measure Argument.

**Option 2 - Consent**

I give consent to the filer named on this form to publish my name, applicable title, the name of the organization I am authorized to represent, if any, and other information about me and/or my organization in a Candidate Statement or Measure Argument **exactly as it appears in the 'Text for Publication' section above**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

(E-signatures must represent the signer's true/"wet" signature to be accepted.)

**Date Signed**