IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH		
Proceeding to Determine the Legality of City of Portland Charter DECL		Civil No. 19CV06544 DECLARATION OF SHARON MEIERAN
	I, Sharon Meieran, declare:	
1.	I am currently a Multnomah County Commissioner, having won election in November 2016.	
2.	During the 2016 election cycle, my campaign raised \$348,181. Of that, \$121,765 (35% of the total) consisted of contributions of \$500 or less.	
3.	My opponent in the general election, Eric Zimmerman, raised \$182,894 in the 2016 election cycle. Of that, \$55,813 (30.5% of the total) consisted of contributions of \$500 or less.	
4.	I believe that I can run an effective campaign for Multnomah County Commissioner under the contribution limits of Measure 26-184 (\$500 per individual and political committee, plus amounts from Small Donor Committees).	
5.	I was able to successfully communicate with Multnomah County voters by attracting volunteers, knocking on doors, having house parties and rallies, distributing lawn signs, using low-cost electronic media (including websites, email, and social media) and by earning coverage in the local press by offering substantive solutions to Multnomah County's problems.	
6.	I believe that limiting campaign contributions will elevate the voices of individual voters, encourage broader participation in elections, and enhance democracy. It will reduce the opportunities for corruption and the public perception that officeholders are beholden to their large contributors.	

- 7. I believe that limiting campaign contributions in races for Multnomah County office to \$500 from each individual and political committee will not render political association ineffective in these campaigns. It will not drive the sound of candidates' voices below the level of notice or render campaign contributions pointless.
- 8. If Measure 26-184 had been in effect during the 2016 election cycle, various membership organizations that contributed larger amounts to my campaign would have been able to create Small Donor Committees that could have contributed amounts greater than \$500, as long as such committees did not receive any contributions except from individuals in amounts of \$100 per calendar year or less. So Measure 26-184 would not have limited my campaign to raising only \$121,765 in donations of under \$500.

I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court and subject to penalty for perjury.

Dated: May 7, 2019

/s/ Sharon Meieran

Sharon Meieran

Signed in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon