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I oppose this Measure. This is not a solution to our State's homeless problem and further creates another layer of government bureaucracy that will result in costing the taxpayer more in the long run. Taxpayers have been providing millions of dollars, the Metro SHS tax has brought in over a Billion dollars and to ask for more money is ridiculous. if anything, the State should be auditing any community or county that seeks additional funds. Where has all that money gone? Multnomah County claims they will be short funding and will need to cut services. How is that possible unless the money has been mismanaged. Multnomah County has some of the highest taxes in the United States. So, before we go and spend more money and create more government programs, it is time to take a look at how all this money has been spend and where it has gone. This State needs to begin looking at every tax dollar and making sure it is put to good use and benefits all of us. Focus on the real priorities of Public Safety, Infrastructure, Economic Growth and Education.