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Oregon Mayors Association Announces Plan to Address Statewide Homelessness

SALEM, Ore. – An Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) task force submitted a letter today to Oregon's three gubernatorial candidates and the Legislature, outlining its plan to successfully address the current statewide homelessness crisis.

The plan calls for a partnership between the state and Oregon's 241 incorporated cities to provide comprehensive funding for local homelessness response and prevention programs. This would require direct allocations to each incorporated city in Oregon, totaling \$123,575,800 annually. In addition to direct, annual allocations, coordinated capital construction investments for specific shelter and transitional housing projects statewide would also be required.

The task force, consisting of 25 mayors from across the state, was created in May to develop a response to homelessness that would help all communities statewide, regardless of size or location, to address the issue. The following mayors comprise the task force:

Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove; OMA President
Julie Akins, Ashland
Gena Goodman-Campbell, Bend
Beth Wytoski, Dayton
Lucy Vinis, Eugene
Travis Stovall, Gresham
Steve Callaway, Hillsboro
Carol Westfall, Klamath Falls
Randy Sparacino, Medford
Ted Wheeler, Portland
Richard Mays, The Dalles
Rod Cross, Toledo
Henry Balensifer III, Warrenton

Teri Lenahan, North Plains; OMA President-Elect
Lacy Beaty, Beaverton
Meadow Martell, Cave Junction
Jim Trett, Detroit
Carol MacInnes, Fossil
Dave Drotzmann, Hermiston
Kate McBride, Hood River
Ray Turner, Lakeview
Jessica Engelke, North Bend
Michael Preedin, Sisters
Jason Snider, Tigard
Tom Vialpando, Vale

About the Oregon Mayors Association

The purpose of the OMA is to increase the knowledge and skills of Oregon mayors and make a strong, collective effort to influence state programs and legislation. OMA is an affiliate organization of the League of Oregon Cities.