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Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce Endorses Candidates for May 2018 Primary

(Beaverton, Ore.) - The Candidate Endorsement Council of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce this week has developed its list of endorsements for the upcoming statewide primary election, slated for May 15, 2018. Chamber and community leaders undertake the non-partisan process to consider candidates for endorsement who seek to build and support an active business climate, and pursue job creation strategies in support of a healthy community. The Chamber endorses candidates with proven collaborative approaches, and who support the needs and values of business, while striving to balance their ideologies and deliver results.

"The Chamber's leadership identifies candidates who have a strong record and are pro-business in their land use, transportation, and government regulation/taxation positions that support the free-enterprise system," said Lorraine Clarno, President/CEO of the Chamber. "We look for leadership qualities and abilities that result in effective consensus building to get things done."

"We greatly appreciate all of the candidates that took part in our in-depth process," said Amy Saberiyan Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors. "They completed written questionnaires and were personally interviewed by our 8-member panel over the past week. Regardless of whether we endorsed them or not, they were inspiring. Their passion and willingness to serve is impressive and we recognize how tough running for public office is today."

The Candidate Endorsement Council of the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce today announces the following endorsements for the Oregon 2018 primary election.

Beaverton City Council Position No. 1: Lacey Beaty

Lacey is seeking her second term on City Council. In her first four years, she has brought a new dynamic to the Council with her younger lens and veteran background. She is

committed and attentive to her constituents and neighbors. She prides herself on her accessibility and willingness to champion those that have been historically underrepresented. She understands business needs and recognizes the critical role a healthy business environment plays in ensuring a healthy and resource filled community. She is looking forward to championing the affordable housing needs in Beaverton. High on her priority list is bringing partners together to build a sustainable tool kit for workforce and affordable housing in Beaverton.

Beaverton City Council Position No. 2: Laura Mitchell

Laura Mitchell has a back ground in business and property management. She is a graduate of Leadership Beaverton (2016) and has spent the past 6 years volunteering on boards and commissions within the City to expand her understanding of process and citizen engagement. She brings energy, passion and leadership qualities that she wants to put her to work for the citizens of Beaverton. Building consensus through humility and listening to constituent's ideas, solutions and concerns is a challenge she is up for.

Beaverton City Council Position No. 5: Marc San Soucie

The citizens of Beaverton are fortunate that Marc is seeking a third term. Marc has been instrumental in building consensus for the changes the Mayor Doyle administration has made in making Beaverton 'open for business.' He championed the need for signage code updating, is committed to alleviating congestion and transportation issues through strategic investments, welcomes the continuing efforts to improve and enhance our community development processes to ensure timely permitting and wants his personal motto "Why start a business anywhere else?" to be words Beaverton lives up to. His positivity and passion for our community combined with his love of studying details in infrastructure make him the best candidate to keep Beaverton moving forward.

Washington County Commission District 2: Pam Treece

Pam Treece has demonstrated business and economic development leadership. Her background in policy and in-depth knowledge of business issues through her experience as Executive Director of the Westside Economic Alliance gives her a bounty of skills to take on the challenges facing the Washington County. She sees eliminating barriers to healthy growth and retention, the need for suitable industrial lands, transportation and the lack of affordable and workforce housing as issues needing to be addressed to maintain our County's competitive position both regionally and globally.

Washington County Commission Chair: Ryan Deckert

Ryan Deckert, as a former state senator, and former Oregon Business Association President has the combined background to set in to the County chair position. Ryan gets business and he knows how to bring people to the center and build on desired goals and outcomes. He understands negotiation and leveraging and wants to ensure Washington County's governance is such that our communities are afforded the opportunities to grow strategically and wisely. He is a voice for business and sees the challenge of uniting a potentially very new council as one he is up for and

Metro Council Seat 4: Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Born in Forest Grove and raised in Western Washington County, Juan Carlos is a proven leader. He carries a degree in Economics and has dedicated his professional career to serving his community and constituents with his work at Centro Cultural. As a son of immigrants and small business owners, he understands the values and challenges of business, affordable housing, mobility and will be a champion for all in Washington County at Metro. He is passionate, articulate and willing to roll up his sleeves and work

collaboratively for the Region.

About the Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization of 700 members representing approximately 45,000 employees in the Portland metropolitan area. Membership in the chamber is tax deductible as a legitimate business expense and applications may be obtained by phone: 503-644-0123, via e-mail at info@beaverton.org, or via the Chamber's Web site at www.beaverton.org.