



## 2019 Local Legislative Agenda Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce is the largest Chamber in the state of Oregon, with more than 6,617 partners and members. As such, the BACC's Business Advocacy Council has an important voice in strongly encouraging a business-supportive agenda, one in which the business/labor/management voice is expressly heeded.

The BACC supports all business in furthering inclusion, diversity and equal-opportunity culture.

### Washington County

- Transportation – Road Maintenance Prioritization: Support prioritization of upgrades and needed maintenance on local thoroughfares, including Canyon Road and Highway 217.
- Urban boundaries: Support urban growth boundary expansion if opportunity arises to increase developable land for commerce and affordable housing by ensuring alignment of UGB's Beaverton new 600 buildable acres and more than 3,700 planned homes.
- Water availability: Support efforts including a bond to support expanded water resources to new development areas, to include new housing that will need water and power, which will come from Hagg Lake and Willamette River. Support renovation of Scoggins Dam.
- Work with the City of Beaverton to ensure the highest possible return on the Metro-sponsored Affordable Housing Bond monies for such development. Work to reduce SDC charges between all Special Service Districts and find ways to improve efficiencies and reduce development costs in the planning process.
- Ensure and support continuance of Strategic Investment Program (SIP) and GainShare.

### City of Beaverton

- Property Redevelopment: Support plans to increase the economic return from built, leased, purchased or rented facilities on city owned property. Ensure that prime parcels such as the Westgate property create economic opportunity and are smart business planning strategies within the city of Beaverton.
- Essential services: Support community engagement to continue updating city's Comprehensive Plan and seek ways to improve local housing planning and availability. Prioritize public and community safety to ensure Beaverton remains one of the safest cities in the Pacific NW.
- Affordable Housing: Reduce regulations and ensure business-friendly code requirements for developers who build affordable housing, especially apartments and multi-family units. Work with the county to ensure maximization of the Metro Affordable Housing bond dollars and include business at the table in the discussions.
- Homelessness: Continue to monitor the issue in Beaverton and outcomes of the No Camping Ordinance and Safe Parking Pilot Program. Support Washington County's approach

to add ongoing housing units. Support Washington County's THRIVE and Housing Authority efforts.

#### Capital Improvement Priorities

- Patricia Reser Center for the Arts: Participate in and encourage discussions regarding development of an arts and performance complex. Require disclosure of specific, proposed funding for development, construction and ongoing operations.
- Support city and jurisdictional efforts, and participate on the city's CIP workgroup to create and manage projects that create short- and long-term economic development and address unmet infrastructure needs.
- Support Safe Routes to School side walk and pedestrian safety completion projects and ensure alignment with the City's Active Transportation Plan to assist with prioritizing downtown streets.
  
- Economic Development: Partner with the City of Beaverton on these initiatives:
  - IMPACT\* Beaverton: Support and grow entrepreneurship and small business resources. Continue efforts to ensure business voice is heeded and city compliance processes are not overly burdensome regarding zoning, permit fees, and signage codes.
  - Marketing plan for Economic Development: Explore and seek information about the overall business strategy and marketing plan for economic development efforts.
  - Support more inventory of buildable land parcels: Encourage creation of shovel-ready, urban renewal industrial and manufacturing land, including parcels east of Highway 217. Collaborate regionally to protect existing and ensure adequate lands for commercial and industrial jobs.
  - Use the Community Vision to guide and align all of the stakeholder, consultant projects and work groups working on the downtown strategies.