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Mayor John L. Cook Announces Retirement

Mayor John L. Cook, a self-employed CPA and financial advisor, will finish his current term as Tigard mayor on Dec. 31, and then retire from elected office.

After a five-year search, Mayor Cook and his wife purchased their dream retirement home in unincorporated Washington County in 2016. He plans to move outside city limits in January 2019, making him ineligible to seek another term as Tigard's Mayor.

Mayor Cook has contributed most of his life to public service in Tigard and Washington County. Some accomplishments since his election in 2012 include:

- Ballot measures approved by Tigard voters regarding light rail and urban renewal.
- Advocating for economic development in the city and successfully lobbying for more than \$5 million in federal, state and regional funding for projects designed to bring jobs and improved economic conditions to the city.
- Securing state and federal grants for projects, including Economic Development Agency and Oregon Lottery funds for Hunziker industrial development; EPA Brownfields funds for Downtown Tigard; and Connect Oregon VI funds for the Tigard Street Heritage Trail.
- Finishing the Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership construction to secure Tigard's 35-year water supply, unincorporated island annexations and Downtown Tigard urban renewal.

Cook will remain a supporter and mentor for Tigard's youth, business community and elected officials. He currently serves as president of the Oregon Mayors Association. When asked he said, "Being mayor of Tigard has been one of the best experiences of my life – the absolute best is my beautiful wife Terri and my family."

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