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Two Tigard Urban Renewal Ballot Measures Head to Voters in May Election

Tigard, Ore.: City of Tigard residents will have the opportunity to vote on implementing an urban renewal plan for the Tigard Triangle in the upcoming May election. The City Council adopted the plan in December before sending the plan to voters in Ballot Measure 34-275.

The Tigard Triangle Urban Renewal Plan could generate revenue for infrastructure projects in the Triangle, to improve street safety, reduce traffic congestion, help restore Red Rock Creek and create new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The proposed projects in the Tigard Triangle Urban Renewal Plan include:

- Red Rock Creek restoration, focusing on clean water, flood damage prevention and recreation
- New streets and sidewalks, focusing on connectivity and safe walking and cycling
- Major sewer repairs, addressing public health
- Intersection improvements, addressing traffic congestion
- New trails, parks and public amenities

“The urban renewal plan in downtown Tigard has given our community the resources to create a thriving city center by supporting local businesses, improving traffic flow and making walking and biking safer and more comfortable,” said Tigard Mayor John Cook. “Now we have an opportunity to use that same tool to make similar improvements in the Tigard Triangle and fulfill our community’s vision to be one of the most livable and walkable cities in the Pacific Northwest.”

Voters will also be asked to consider an expansion of the City Center Urban Renewal Area to add 37.7 acres through Ballot Measure 34-274. The City Center is also known as downtown Tigard, located around Main Street and Fanno Creek.

Improving Our Community Without Raising Taxes

More than 75 Oregon communities use urban renewal as a funding tool to help revitalize neighborhoods that lack basic infrastructure like sewers, sidewalks, roads and parks and to spur private investment—all without raising taxes. Urban renewal uses property taxes from within an area to fix identified problems in

that same area. Urban renewal is not a quick fix. It takes time to generate revenue and build and repair infrastructure.

Election Day Is Tuesday, May 16

Oregon elections are conducted by mail. Ballots are mailed to registered voters starting today. All completed ballots must be received by Washington County Elections no later than May 16. Residents may also drop off completed ballots at the official drop box at City Hall, at 13125 SW Hall Blvd., no later than 8 p.m. on May 16.

- Visit **www.tigard-or.gov/mayballot** to learn more about Ballot Measure No.'s 34-274 and 34-275.
- For more information about urban renewal in Tigard, visit **www.tigard-or.gov/urbanrenewal**.
- To read more about the community's vision for the future of the Tigard Triangle, visit **www.tigard-or.gov/tigard_triangle.php**.

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