



## **2017 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 5,000 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 throughfares, 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.
- ❑ 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.

#### **City of Beaverton**

- ❑ Westgate Property Redevelopment and Creekside District: Investigate and support plans to increase the economic return from built, leased, purchased or rented facilities on that property. Ensure that prime parcels such as the Westgate property create economic opportunity and are smart business planning strategies within the city of Beaverton.
- ❑ Signage Code Review and Changes – Continue participation in City's signage code revisions and work to ensure loosening of restrictions.
- ❑ Essential services: Support community engagement in updating city's Comprehensive Plan and seek ways to improve local housing planning and availability. Continue support of design and construction of new public safety facility.
- ❑ Affordable Housing: Reduce regulations and ensure business-friendly code requirements for developers who build affordable housing, especially apartments and multi-family units. Additionally, support the expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary to bring in more land, thereby increasing land inventory, and stabilizing costs to achieve more affordability for renters.
- ❑ Monitor Beaverton City Council efforts to bring all residents under the City's water system: Promote competitive cost configurations on sources and availability.

❑ Capital Improvement Priorities

- Beaverton 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.
- Public Safety and Justice Center: With new bond measure passage, support expenditures that re-tool and upgrade office and jail facilities for the Beaverton Police department.
- 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.

❑ Economic Development

- IMPACT\* Beaverton: Continue partnership with City to 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 land, including parcels east of Highway 217.