



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2026  
Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street

**Malynda Wenzl, Mayor**

Mariana Valenzuela, Council President  
Angel Falconer, Councilor  
Donna Gustafson, Councilor

Michael Marshall, Councilor  
Karen Martinez, Councilor  
Brian Schimmel, Councilor

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## 5:30 - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

No public comment will be taken. The Council will take no formal action.

### City Discussion Regarding Federal Activities

Staff: Henry Reimann, Police Chief; Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

### Development Code

Staff: Matthew Johnson, Senior Planner; Bryan Pohl, Community Development Director

## 7:00 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### A. Call to Order

1. Roll Call
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Pledge of Allegiance

**B. Public Comment:** Time provided for anyone wishing to speak to City Council on an item not on the agenda or on the agenda but not scheduled for a public hearing. Comments are limited to 2 minutes unless additional time is granted by the Presiding Officer. The public comment period shall not exceed 30 minutes unless a majority of Councilors present vote to extend the time. Zoom attendees may use the "Raise Hand" option to be called on.

1. Written Public Comment

**C. Consent Agenda:** Items under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will all be adopted with a single motion, without separate discussion. Councilors who wish to remove an item from the Consent Agenda may do so prior to the motion. Any item(s) removed will be discussed and acted upon following the approval of the remaining item(s).

### D. Additions/Deletions

1. City Manager
2. Proposed by Councilors

**E. 7:15 Presentations:** The Council will hold questions until the end of each presentation.

1. **Metro Update**

Juan Carlos González, Metro District 4 Councilor

2. **County Commissioner Update**

Jerry Willey, Washington County Commissioner

3. **TV Highway Access Management Strategy Project**

Daniel Riordan, Senior Planner; Bryan Pohl, Community Development Director

**F. 8:00 Public Hearings, Ordinances, and Resolutions**

1. Public Hearing

**ORDINANCE 2026-01 AMENDING FOREST GROVE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
TITLE XI (BUSINESS REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 110 (BUSINESS LICENSING),  
§110.070 THROUGH §110.999 AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE GUIDELINES AND  
REPEALING ORDINANCE 2010-05**

Staff: Mariah Woods, City Recorder

**G. 8:10 Council Communications:**

1. Councilor Reports

a. Mariana Valenzuela (LC, CDBGPAB)

b. Angel Falconer (HLB, JWC, CCESC, Chamber of Commerce)

c. Donna Gustafson (PAC, RWPCB, WCCCA)

d. Michael Marshall (CFC, P&R)

e. Karen Martinez (FGRFPD, SCC, FGSCC)

f. Brian Schimmel (CCE, EDC, TVHSC)

2. City Manager's Report

3. Mayor's Report (WCCC, R1ACT, MMC, WCC&MG, WCMG, MYAC)

**H. 8:30 Adjournment**

**8:30 - CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

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**Police Facility**

Henry Reimann, Police Chief; Ben Patinkin, President of Patinkin Research Strategies; Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

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Work Session, City Council

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# AGENDA

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# BACKGROUND: PARTNERS

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- Rapid response and wrap around services

## **Forest Grove Resource Center**

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# ROLE OF LOCAL POLICE

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- **Evidence preservation and investigation**
  - Working with City of Portland on case example
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  - Communication Protocols
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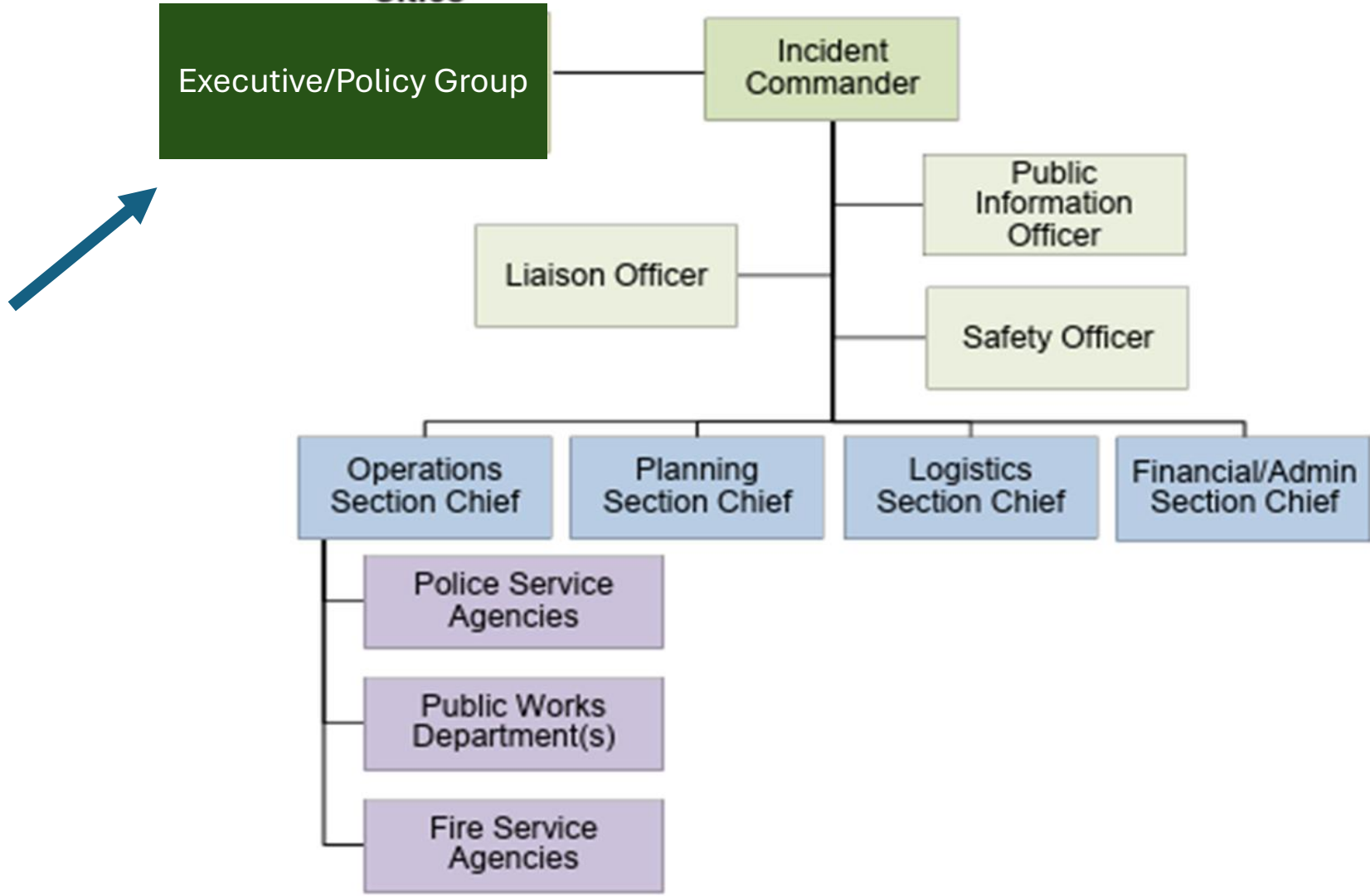
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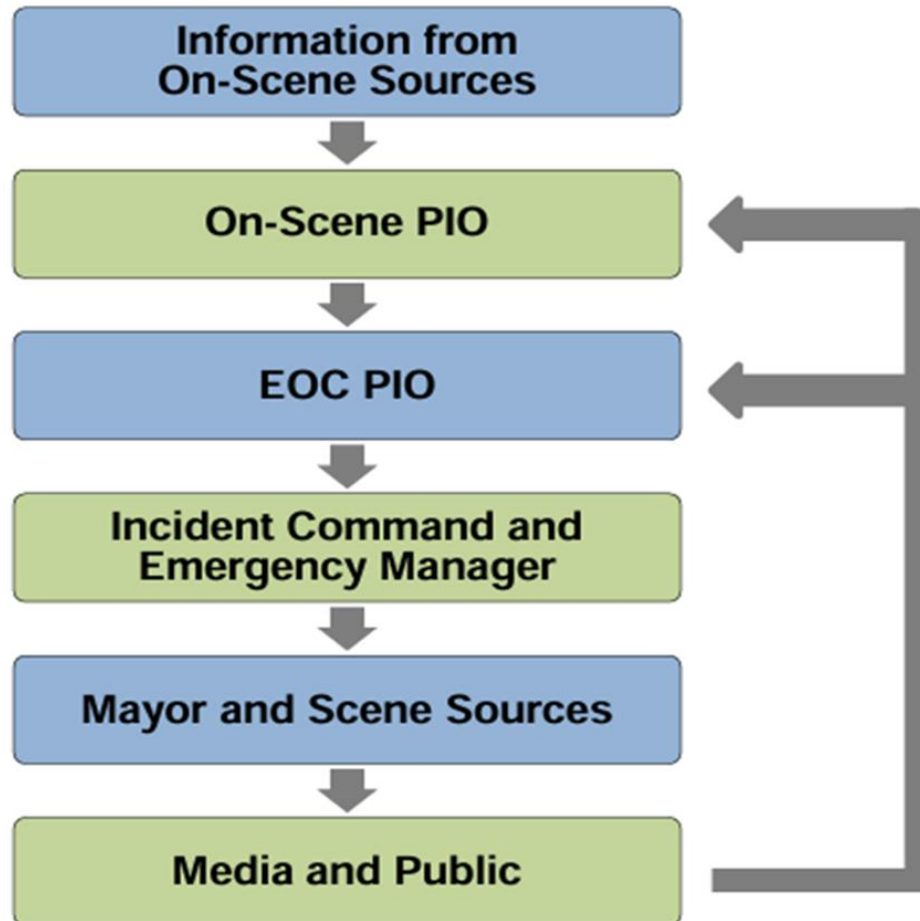


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- State of Minnesota v. Kristi Noem, Secretary. US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Basis of lawsuit:
  - Violation of “Anti-Commandeering Doctrine”
  - Harm to public safety, local police, and community
  - 35 counties and cities across the nation filed *Amici Curiae* brief
- Internal ICE memo asserts federal immigration officers may enter private homes/areas with an administrative warrant with a final order of removal and without a judicial warrant. This is a departure from longstanding practice that previously required a judicial warrant.
- US Department of Justice issued grand jury subpoenas to state and local elected officials in Minnesota seeking records and investigating whether they obstructed or impeded federal law enforcement.

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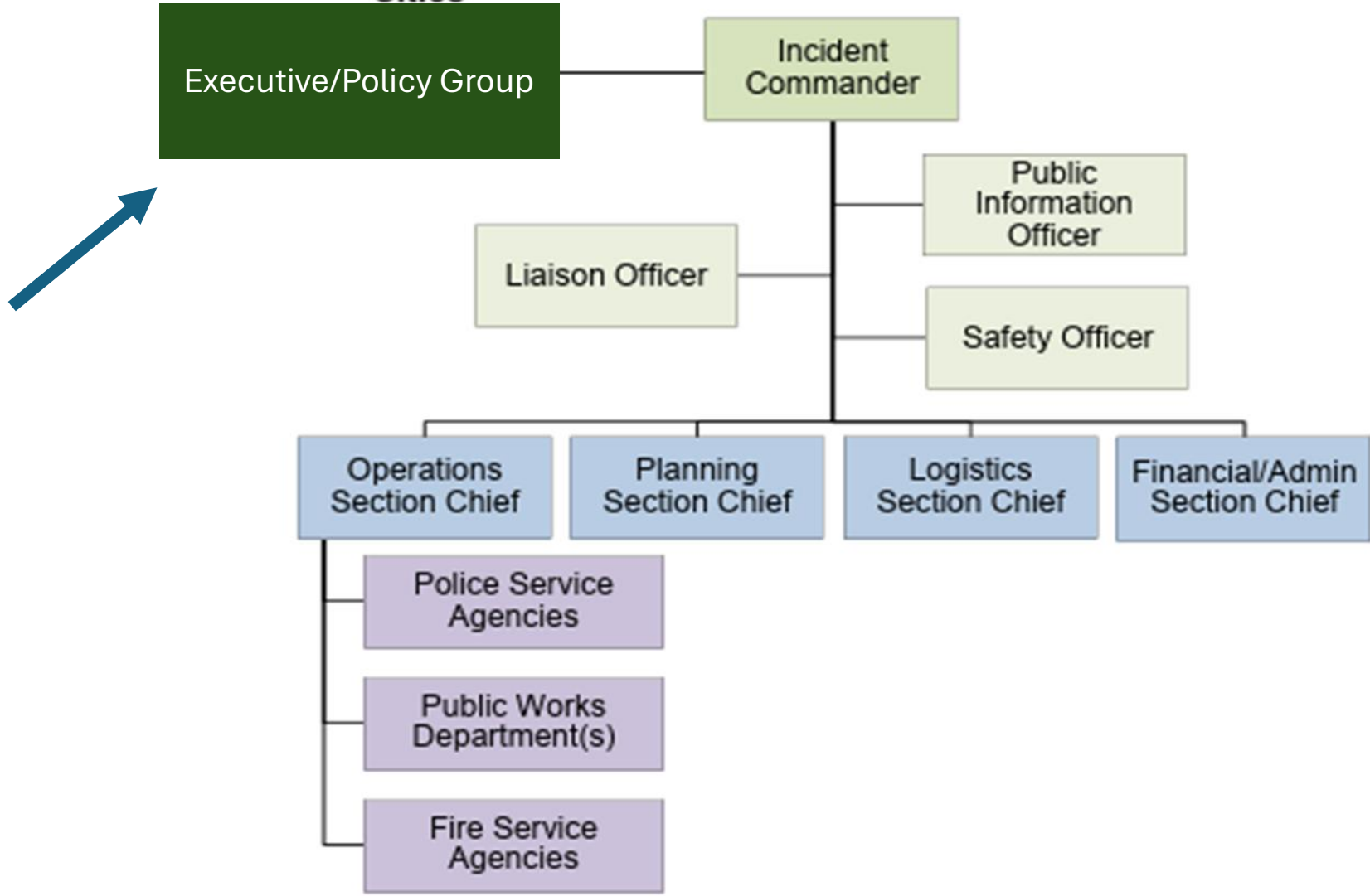
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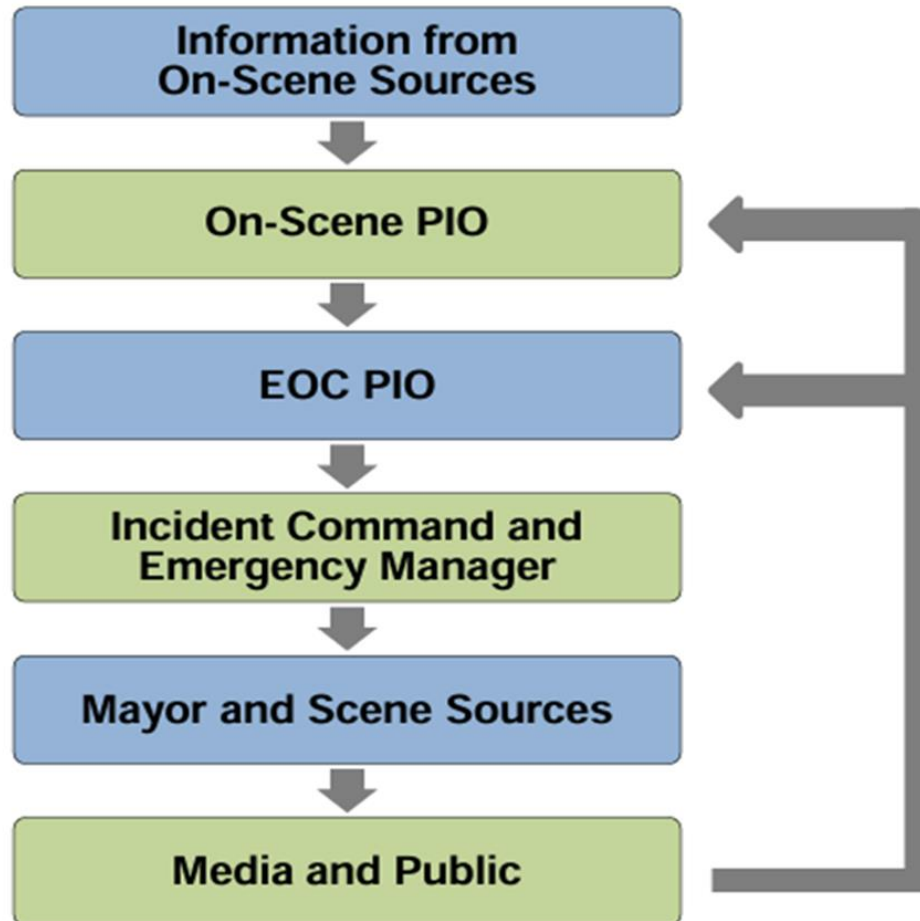
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# Development Code Revisions Work Session

Matt Johnson | Senior Planner

Bryan Pohl | Community Development Director

City Council Work Session 1/26

City of Forest Grove

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2040 Vision Plan

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Recap Consensus Items

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Mandatory Adjustments

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Landscaping and Buffer Screening

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Industrial Standards

# PURPOSE

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The purpose of this work session is to seek feedback and direction for proposed Development Code revisions.

The Development Code is a set of regulations and standards that control how land is used and developed within the City.

Re-examining local standards can support the community's long-term goals for thoughtful and sustainable growth that reflect the vision and priorities identified by Forest Grove residents. The Community Development Department maintains a living document that lists potential changes and revisions to the code to be considered annually.

# 2040 VISION PLAN

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## Community Growth- Increase supply of diverse and affordable housing options

- Address rent burden in the community by expanding opportunities for affordable housing development.
- Develop policies and programs that allow for ADU flexibility.

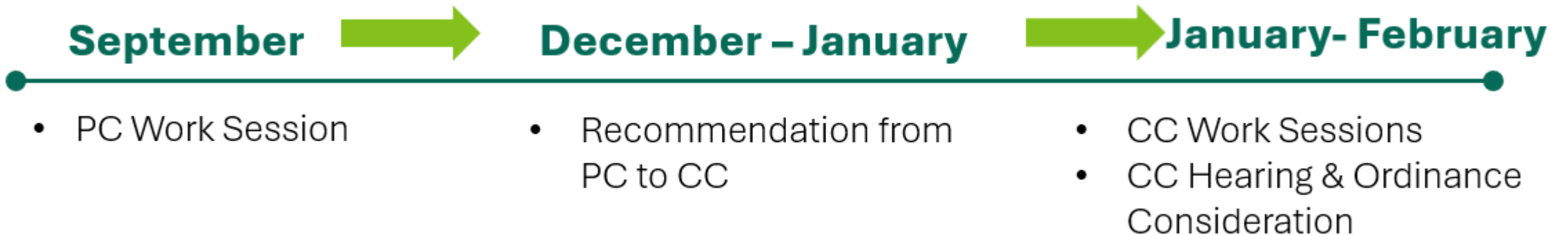
## Economic Growth - Create a balanced and diversified economy comprised of a variety of commercial and industrial businesses offering high-paying job opportunities.

- Increase volume and diversity of commercial development.
- Increase industrial business development.



# BACKGROUND

- The Planning Commission held a work session to discuss potential code amendments on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the code amendments to the City Council for approval.
- On January 12<sup>th</sup> the City Council held its first work session.



# Consensus Items: Residential Standards <sup>6</sup>

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- Addition of comprehensive plan target densities (Comply With Metro)
- Revised definition of building height (Height is regulated by feet only)
- Revisions to ADU standards (Match detached ADU size to the maximum size of accessory structures, Attached ADUs cap at 720 sq ft, and not a percentage of the existing home)
- Clarification of Townhome setback requirements (5' side setback)
- Clarification of historic review garage standards (Scrivner's Error)
- Additional statement for Private Restrictions/ CCR's. (City does not enforce)

# Consensus Items: Non-Residential Use Regulations

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- Allow Office Uses in a “Neighborhood Mixed Use” Zone
- Revised “Building” and “Structure” Definitions. (swap definitions)

# Consensus Items: Non-Residential Standards

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- Revise sidewalk construction standards (delay sidewalk construction for proper sequencing of development)
- Update state-revised statute number for cannabis facilities (Scrivner's error)

# QUESTIONS or DISCUSSION

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# Mandatory Adjustments

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- Revise the existing “Adjustments” Section to incorporate the required “Mandatory Adjustments” and ultimately allow for more flexibility of development standards.
- SB1537, from the 2024 Legislative Session, requires local governments to grant adjustments to specific development and design standards applied to the development of housing if an application meets certain conditions.
- An Adjustment is a mechanism within the code that allows for greater flexibility when attempting to meet the requirements of the development code ( height maximums, building setback minimums, etc.) Currently, the development code allows for adjustments to be requested for any development for Building Height, Setbacks, and Lot Coverage.

# Mandatory Adjustments

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## ADJUSTMENT § 17.2.110 PROCEDURE.

A. **Excluding mandatory adjustments for housing development projects**, Requests for changes of less than 10% of the setback, height or lot coverage standard shall follow the Type I process.

B. **Excluding mandatory adjustments for housing development projects**, Requests for changes from 10% to 20% of the setback, height or lot coverage standard shall follow the Type II process.

### C. **Mandatory adjustments for a housing development project shall be approved if:**

1. **An adjustment is requested up to 10% of a rear or side setback;**
2. **An adjustment is requested up to 25% of a minimum common area, minimum open space, and/or landscaping area requirement;**
3. **An adjustment is requested to minimum parking requirements;**
4. **An adjustment is requested for minimum lot sizes, not more than a 10 percent adjustment, and including not more than a 10 percent adjustment to lot widths or depths;**
5. **An adjustment is requested for maximum lot sizes, not more than a 10 percent adjustment, including not more than a 10 percent adjustment to lot width or depths and only if the adjustment results in:**
  - (A) **More dwelling units than would be allowed without the adjustment; and**
  - (B) **No reduction in density below the minimum applicable density.**
6. **An adjustment is requested for building lot coverage requirements for up to a 10 percent adjustment;**
7. **An adjustment is requested for manufactured dwelling parks, middle housing as defined in ORS 197A.420, multifamily housing and mixed-use residential housing:**
  - (A) **Requirements for bicycle parking that establish:**
    - (i) **The minimum number of spaces for use by the residents of the project, provided the application includes at least one-half space per residential unit; or**
    - (ii) **The location of the spaces, provided that lockable, covered bicycle parking spaces are within or adjacent to the residential development;**
  - (B) **For uses other than cottage clusters, as defined in ORS 197A.420 (1)(c)(D), building height maximums that:**
    - (i) **Are in addition to existing applicable height bonuses, if any; and**
    - (ii) **Are not more than an increase of the greater of:**
      - (I) **One story; or**
      - (II) **(A 20 percent increase to base zone height with rounding consistent with methodology outlined in city code, if any;**

# Mandatory Adjustments

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(C) Unit density maximums, not more than an amount necessary to account for other adjustments under this section; and

(D) Prohibitions, for the ground floor of a mixed-use building, against:

(i) Residential uses except for one face of the building that faces the street and is within 20 feet of the street; and

(ii) Nonresidential active uses that support the residential uses of the building, including lobbies, day care, passenger loading, community rooms, exercise facilities, offices, activity spaces or live-work spaces, except for active uses in specifically and clearly defined mixed use areas or commercial corridors designated by local governments.

8. An adjustment is requested for the following design standards:

(A) Façade articulation, materials, color, or pattern

(B) Roof forms and materials

(C) Entry and Garage Door Materials

(D) Garage Door Articulation, unless the building is adjacent to or across from a public park

(E) Window materials, except for bird-safe glazing requirements

(F) Total window area, for up to a 30 percent adjustment, provided the application includes at least 12 percent of the total facade as window area.

(G) For manufactured dwelling parks, middle housing as defined in ORS 197A.420, multifamily housing and mixed-use residential:

(i) Building orientation requirements, not including transit street orientation requirements.

(ii) Building height transition requirements, not more than a 50 percent adjustment from the base zone.

(iii) Requirements for balconies and porches

(iv) Requirements for recesses and offsets

~~C.D.~~ Requests for changes to standards other than the provisions of this section setback, height or lot coverage, or which are for more than 20% of the setback, height or lot coverage standard are processed as variances under § 17.2.700.

# Mandatory Adjustments

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§ 17.12.210 MEANING OF SPECIFIC WORDS AND TERMS

**H3. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.** In relation to SB1537 Section 38 Mandatory Adjustments, a housing development project is a proposed residential project with a minimum net density of 6 units per acre.

# QUESTIONS or DISCUSSION

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# Landscape Buffer and Screening

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- During the City Council January 12 Work Session Councilors expressed concerns about building setbacks adversely affecting small parcels in industrial zones.

# Landscape Buffer and Screening

Buffers are best when applied to the abutting uses and not the abutting zones. This change will make the table consistent with how a developing use buffers an abutting use.

§ 17.8.425 BUFFERING AND SCREENING STANDARDS.

Table 8-2: Buffer Matrix Proposed Use

Development Site -> Abutting Use	Single Units, Detached; Manufactured Units	Attached Single Units and Multifamily, 1-5 Units; Duplexes	Attached Single Units and Multifamily, 5+ Units	Commercial and Institutional Zones (NC, CC, INST) <b>Uses</b>	Town Center Zones (TCC, TCT)	Industrial Zones (LI, GI) <b>Uses</b>
Detached Single Units; Manufactured Units	-	A	C	D	€	E
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Commercial Zones (NC, CC) and <b>Institutional Uses</b>	C	C	C	-	-	D
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Industrial Zones (LI, GI) <b>Uses</b>	D	D	D	B	-	-

Note: See Table 8-3 for alternative combinations for meeting these screening requirements

# Landscape Buffer and Screening

This code amendment seeks to consolidate and help clarify buffer requirements. The new footnote points to a separate portion of code that requires landscaping within a required buffer, in addition to the options within table 8-3 below.

**Table 8-3 Buffer Combinations for Landscaping and Screening [1]**

	<i>Options</i>	<i>Minimum Width (feet)</i>	<i>Trees (per linear feet of buffer)</i>	<i>Shrubs or Groundcover</i>	<i>Screening</i>
A	–	10	--	Lawn/living groundcover	--
B	–	10	20' min/30' max spacing	Lawn/living groundcover	--
C	1	10	15' min/30' max spacing	Shrubs	4' hedges
	2	8		Shrubs	5' fence
	3	6		Shrubs	6' wall
D	1	20	10' min/20' max spacing	Shrubs	6' hedge
	2	15		Shrubs	6' fence
	3	10		Shrubs	6' wall
E	1	30	10' min/20' max spacing	Shrubs	6' hedge or fence
	2	25		Shrubs	5' earthen berm or wall

[1] Buffers are not required between abutting uses that are not of a different type when the uses are separated by a street. Adjustments from these requirements can be obtained; see Article 2.

[2] 17.8.425(b)3 applies in addition to the buffer combinations within Table 8-3.

\*[3] Buffers are not required when an industrial use is abutting a non-conforming use within an industrial zone

# QUESTIONS or DISCUSSION

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# Industrial Standards

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- During the City Council January 12 Work Session Councilors expressed concerns about building setbacks adversely affecting small parcels in industrial zones.
- Council provided direction to remove setbacks except when industrial development abuts a residential zone, the development should be subject to a minimum 50-foot building setback and a maximum height of 45 feet, with an incremental height allowance of one additional foot for each foot of setback exceeding the minimum requirement.
- Council requested that staff conduct additional research, including soliciting input from surrounding jurisdictions on comparable regulations.

# Industrial Standards: Neighboring Jurisdiction Feedback

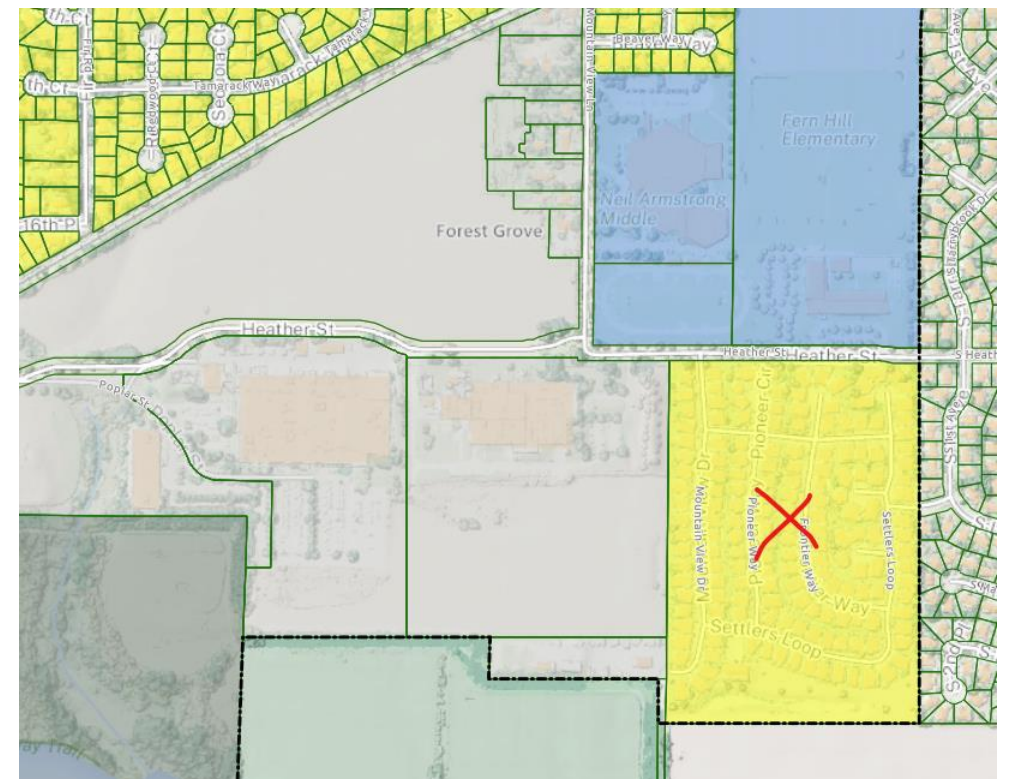
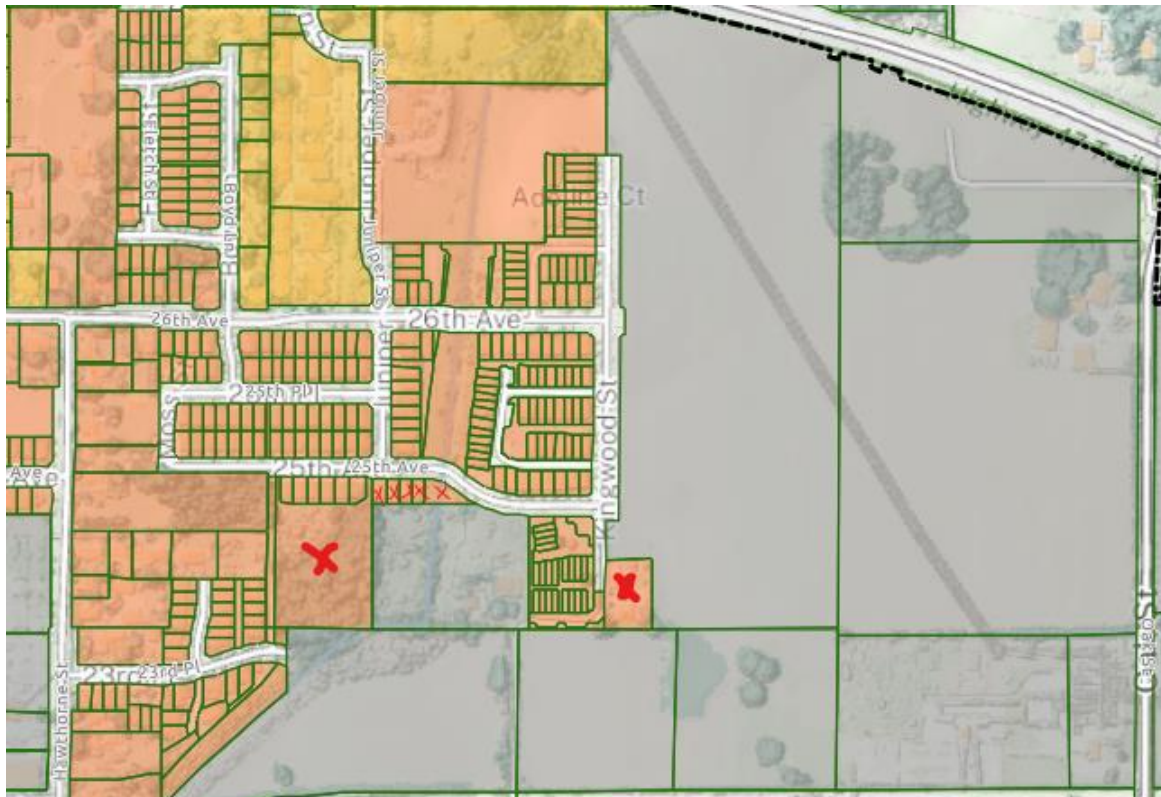
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- Staff reached out to Hillsboro and Beaverton to receive their feedback on how their industry might be affected by increased setbacks when abutting residential.
- Hillsboro Planners explained that generally, there haven't been any major issues. An increased setback sometimes requires a developer to redesign their site plan; however, it usually means rearranging the circulation of their site (parking isles, drives, etc.) Hillsboro Planners also mentioned that landscape buffer berms at the property edges have been received well by the community, giving the buffer a more natural feel than a wall or a fence.
- Beaverton Planners said there haven't been any major issues. They further explained that the buffering requirements can appear a little restrictive at times, but it always depends on the type of industrial use and how well it is buffered.

# Industrial Standards: Property Analysis

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- As proposed, the setback of 50' would apply to 6 industrial properties



# Industrial Standards: Building Setbacks & Building Height

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This is the City of Forest Grove’s current code regarding Industrial Standards:

<b>Table 3-13: Industrial Zone Dimensional Requirements</b>			
<b>STANDARD</b>	<b>LI</b>	<b>GI</b>	<b>BIP</b>
Minimum Lot Size	10,000 square feet	10,000 square feet	20,000 square feet
Minimum Lot Width	100 feet	100 feet	100 feet
Minimum Lot Depth	None	None	None
Minimum Yard Setbacks [1]	None	None	Front : 20 feet Interior side: 10 feet Rear : 10 feet
Maximum Building Height [2]	None	None	45 feet
Maximum Building Coverage			50%
Minimum Landscaping			15%
Footnotes: [1] A setback and buffer may be required where a LI or GI boundary abuts a less intensive zone. See screening and buffering standards in Article 8. When an industrial site is separated from a residential zone by either a dedicated public street , or a railroad main line or spur track, no setback shall be required in that yard adjacent to the residential zone. [2] Building height unlimited per the Building Code with the installation of a sprinkler system approved by the Forest Grove Fire Department in all buildings over two stories.			

# Industrial Standards: Council Consensus on January 12<sup>th</sup>

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	Cornelius	Hillsboro	Beaverton	Forest Grove (Current)	Forest Grove (Original Staff Proposed)	January 12 <sup>th</sup> Proposal
Minimum Front Setback	20' from the street	35' from the street	35' from the street	0' from the street	10' from the street	0' from the street
Minimum Rear Setback	0' from the rear; 25 when abutting a residential use	10' from the rear; 25' when abutting a residential use	0' from the rear; 75' when abutting a residential use	0' from the rear	10' from the rear; 50' when abutting a residential zone	0' from the rear; 50' when abutting a residential zone
Minimum Side Setback	0' from the sides; 25' when abutting a residential use	10' from the sides; 25' when abutting a residential use	10' from sides; 75' when abutting a residential use	0' from the sides	10' from the sides; 50' when abutting a residential zone	0' from the sides; 50' when abutting a residential zone
Maximum Building Height	35' tall	45' tall; provision to allow +1' in height for every additional 1' setback	45' tall	None	45' tall; provision to allow +1' in height for every additional 1' setback	None; 45' tall with the provision to allow +1' in height for every additional 1' setback when abutting a residential zone.

# Industrial Standards: Building Setbacks & Building Height

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STANDARD	LI	GI	BIP
Minimum Lot Size	10,000 square feet	10,000 square feet	20,000 square feet
Minimum Lot Width	100 feet	100 feet	100 feet
Minimum Lot Depth	None	None	None
Minimum Yard Setbacks [1]	None; 50 feet when abutting a residential zone	None; 50 feet when abutting a residential zone	Front : 20 feet Interior side: 10 feet Rear : 10 feet
Maximum Building Height [2] [3]	None; 45 feet when abutting a residential zone	None; 45 feet when abutting a residential zone	45 feet
Maximum Building Coverage			50%
Minimum Landscaping			15%
Footnotes: [1] A setback and buffer may be required where a LI or GI boundary abuts a less intensive zone. See screening and buffering standards in Article 8. When an industrial site is separated from a residential zone by either a dedicated public street, or a railroad main line or spur track, no setback shall be required in that yard adjacent to the residential zone. [2] Building height unlimited per the Building Code with the installation of a sprinkler system approved by the Forest Grove Fire Department in all buildings over two stories. [3] The maximum height of 45 feet may be increased with increased setbacks (1 foot additional height per 1 additional foot of building setback)			

# QUESTIONS or DISCUSSION

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## Mariah Woods

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2026 10:14 AM  
**To:** City Councilors  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Contact City Council

### Contact City Council

First Name	Linda
Last Name	Taylor
City	Forest Grove
State	OR
Zip	97116
Email	[REDACTED]
Whom would you like to contact?	Entire Forest Grove City Council (Includes Mayor Wenzl)
Would you like a response?	No
Would you like your comment included in the next available Council packet as Public Comment?	Yes
Question / Comment	<p>Dear Mayor Wenzl and City Councilors-</p> <p>I attended the Monday, January 12th City Council meeting via Zoom. I came away from the meeting with even more gratitude that our elected representatives are willing to make tough decisions at a time when courage and integrity are more critical than ever. The Forest Grove community, is by and large, welcoming and compassionate. Extending the State of Emergency and adopting the Sanctuary City statute codifies our values, and demonstrates our willingness to risk reprisal for the greater good. It acknowledges that none of us are safe in these times, and that we must all do our parts to protect the vulnerable, be they unhoused, hungry, or residents unlawfully targeted by the federal government.</p> <p>Notably, the Mayor and all Council members participated in the</p>

proceedings with respect and courtesy towards one another. Providing a leadership role-model of civility, despite our differences, is crucial to a healthy civic dialog. Your leadership inspires all of us to bring our best selves to the work ahead. Thank you for your service!

Sincerely,  
Linda Taylor

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**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2026 11:05 AM  
**To:** City Councilors  
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### Contact City Council

First Name	Mary
Last Name	Whitmore
City	Forest Grove
State	OR
Zip	97116
Email	[REDACTED]
Whom would you like to contact?	Entire Forest Grove City Council (Includes Mayor Wenzl)
Would you like a response?	Yes
Would you like your comment included in the next available Council packet as Public Comment?	Yes
Question / Comment	<p>Many people depend on the fgac for their health supports: lap swims, aerobic exercise and hot tub soakings. The upcoming 3 month closure of the facility will impact a lot of people negatively. I have two suggestions to help out.</p> <p>1.negotiate with the Chehalem Aquatic and Fitness Center to provide a shuttle through Ride Connection or some other agency, to do a morning and afternoon round trip to the facility in Newburgh so Forest Grove residents can continue to support their health.</p> <p>2. Forest Grove City Council could negotiate with Hillsboro to honor the memberships of the fgac during the 3-month closure so residents can keep up theirHealth supports. thank you</p>

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**From:** Dale Feik [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 4:52 AM  
**To:** 'Kathryn Harrington'; 'Nafisa Fai'; 'Pam Treece'; 'Jerry Willey'; 'Jason Snider'  
**Cc:** 'Tanya Ange'; 'Amber Ames'; 'Washington County Administrative Office'; 'Beach Pace'; Mariah Woods; 'Rick Shanley'; 'Anh Le'; 'Lacey Mayor Beaty'; cityrecorder@beavertonoregon.gov; 'Lauren Bishop'  
**Subject:** Letter to editor -Clean Water Services, Jamie Goldberg Oregonian Stories, Outcome  
**Attachments:** Letter to editor Clean Water Services WCBOC Jamie Goldberg Oregonian stories Election new chair.docx

**To:** Kathryn Harrington, Chair of Washington County Commission and Commissioners, Jerry Willey, Pam Treece, Nafisa Fai, Jason Snider (Public comment for Jan. 20, 2025)

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**Re:** Letter to editor to Newstimes papers, Clean Water Services, Jamie Goldberg Oregonian Stories, Outcome

*"Jamie Goldberg, investigative journalist for The Oregonian, wrote stories about the misuse of funds by Washington County's Clean Water Services, the agency that processes Sewage and Stormwater. During the last seven years I have attended practically all the Work Sessions and Business Meetings of the Board of Directors of Clean Water Services. From my point of view, the Washington County Board of Directors, under the leadership of Kathryn Harrington, facilitated a systematic examination of the issues created by actions by the former Clean Water Services Executive Director, Diane Tanaguchi-Dennis, and some of her staff. Policies and procedures have been written so that it is much less likely that misuse of funds will occur; and people will be able to flush their toilets and have stormwater removed from their streets efficiently and as cost effectively as possible.*

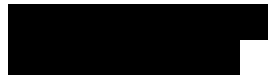
*The following is what Kathryn Harrington wrote in her political flyer while she was running to be reelected as Chair of Washington County Board of Directors as well as the Board of Directors of Clean Water Services: "Re-Elect Washington County Chair – she's worked her entire career to increase transparency and accountability and to advance equity and diversity within our government."*

*Chair Harrington has followed through with her campaign promises. As she said during her State of the County address in 2025, "I am not going to slow down even though I had a heart attack."*

*I personally like the two County Commissioners who are running to replace Chair Harrington, Nafisa Fai and Pam Treece. I have not decided who I will endorse to replace Harrington. I will decide based upon how well each of them understands the complexity of current policies and setting up new ones, working cooperatively with other Commissioners, and County Administrative staff. If Fai wins, Treece will no longer be a commissioner, but Fai has two more years to serve if she loses."*

Sincerely,

Dale Feik, Ed.D.



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Lauren Bishop, The Carpenter Papers, NewsTimes Content Editor  
Rick Shanley, Clean Water Services Interim Chief Executive and General Manager  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:37 AM  
**To:** 'Kathryn Harrington'; 'Nafisa Fai'; 'Pam Treece'; 'Jerry Willey'; 'Jason Snider'  
**Cc:** 'Tanya Ange'; 'Amber Ames'; 'Washington County Administrative Office'; 'Beach Pace'; Mariah Woods; 'Rick Shanley'; 'Anh Le'; 'Lacey Mayor Beaty'; cityrecorder@beavertonoregon.gov  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 5:40 AM  
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**Cc:** 'Tanya Ange'; 'Amber Ames'; 'Washington County Administrative Office'; 'Beach Pace'; Mariah Woods; 'Rick Shanley'; 'Anh Le'; 'Lacey Mayor Beaty'; cityrecorder@beavertonoregon.gov; Alex\_Barnett@washingtoncountyor.gov  
**Subject:** Sen. Jeff Merkley's Town Hall: and Trump and Greenland, what can we do about him being out of control, Heather Cox Richardson letter and Robert Reich - actions to take  
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**Re:** Senator Jeff Merkley's Town Hall; and Trump and Greenland, Heather Cox Richardson's explanation, and Robert Reich's imploring - actions to take

Mayor Lacey Beaty introduced Senator Jeff Merkley at his Town Hall in Beaverton Friday Jan. 16, 2026. Mayor Beaty started by saying "I will lead you in the pledge of allegiance while we still can". I never thought that I would appreciate Bob Terry's lobbying group breaking protocol to force the County Commissioners to start each County Business meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the principles and values that our flag stands for.

Senator Merkley started with, "*Our democratic republic is being destroyed from within and we need to have powerful citizen reaction and collectively with every fiber (?) we have to save our republic*". He gave a United States flag to Joselin (sp) Garcia, director of 'Roots of Well Being', and then said, "*Here's a flag that flew over the United States capitol to say thank you for the great work that you are doing*".

Sen. Merkley talked about the pamphlet that he put together titled "Ring the Alarm Bells": A new analysis of Trump's Authoritarian Playbook, January 12, 2026 – an analysis outlining the ten rules of Trump's authoritarian playbook to ensure all American's understand what our country is facing.

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/ring-the-alarm-bells-merkley-publishes-new-analysis-of-trumps-authoritarian-playbook/> click on this above active link to read the full report.

As an introduction to 'Ring the Alarm Bells' Sen Merkley wrote:

**"People think of democracies dying at the hands of men with guns. But, in the modern era, they more often die at the hands of elected officials who erode the separation of powers to solidify a strongman state.**

“We now have all three ingredients of such a strongman state: a rubber-stamp Congress doing the President’s bidding; a Supreme Court finding “invisible ink” in the Constitution to enhance the President’s powers; and a power-hungry president behaving like a king, breaking the law and violating the checks and balances of our Constitution.

“There are ten powerful rules in the authoritarian playbook. Trump and his team are aggressively executing all ten. It is essential to understand and interrupt those efforts before authoritarian power becomes entrenched. That will require robust citizen action and an unmistakable rejection of authoritarianism at the next election. Both are essential to restore and revitalize our democracy.”

click on this active link to read his resolution:

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/Merkley-Horrors-of-Authoritarianism-Resolution.pdf>

Merkley’s resolution follows his speech on the floor of the U.S. Senate earlier this year to speak directly to the American people and **ring the alarm bells about the Trump Administration’s authoritarian takeover of the country**. He spoke for 22 hours 37 minutes—the third longest speech in Senate history:

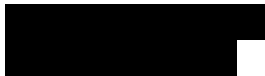
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A one-pager on his speech can be found by clicking:

<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/Merkley-Authoritarianism-One-Pager.pdf>

Fighting to save our democratic way of life,

Dale Feik, Ed.D.



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**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2026 1:58 PM  
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**Subject:** Dale Feik, Letter to Editor published Jan. 21, 2026 in The Oregonian titled Harrington Brought Accountability to CWS  
**Attachments:** Harrington brought accountability to Clean Water services by Dale Feik L to Ed Jan 21 2026.docx

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**Re:** Harrington brought accountability to Clean Water Services, Letter to Editor to The Oregonian, published Jan. 21, 2026

Dale Feik's Letter to the editor of The Oregonian printed in the Wednesday, January 21, 2026, paper. Headline titled:

### ***Harrington brought accountability to Clean Water***

*Jamie Goldberg's reporting on the misuse of funds at Washington County's Clean Water Services shows how much it matters that good leaders serve on the Washington County Board of Commissioners, which also runs the sewer and stormwater agency, ("Audit confirms pricey meals, lax record-keeping at sewer agency," Jan. 13).*

*During the last seven years I have attended practically all the work sessions and business meetings of the agency's board. Under the leadership of Washington County Board Chair Kathryn Harrington, the board systematically examined the issues created by the former agency executive director Diane Tanaguchi-Dennis and some of her staff. The board's new policies and procedures make misuse of funds much less likely while making the agency as efficient and cost effective as possible.*

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*I personally like the two county commissioners — Nafisa Fai and Pam Treece — who are running to replace Harrington. I will decide which candidate to endorse based upon how well each understands the complexity of current policies and of setting new ones, while working cooperatively with other commissioners and county's administrative staff.*

*Fai has two more years to serve on the county commission even if she loses, because her term doesn't expire until 2028. If Fai wins, Treece will no longer be a commissioner, as her term ends this year. A Treece victory means both will continue serving Washington County.*

Dale Feik, Forest Grove  
Feik is chair of Washington County Citizen Action Network.

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**Sent:** Sunday, January 25, 2026 7:04 AM  
**To:** 'Kathryn Harrington'; 'Nafisa Fai'; 'Pam Treece'; 'Jerry Willey'; 'Jason Snider'  
**Cc:** 'Tanya Ange'; 'Anh Le'; 'Amber Ames'; 'Washington County Administrative Office'; 'Beach Pace'; 'Rick Shanley'; 'Lacey Mayor Beaty'; cityrecorder@beavertonoregon.gov; Alex\_Barnett@washingtoncountyor.gov; City Councilors; lauren.bishop@valleytimes.news; 'Laura Gunderson'  
**Subject:** DAN RAYFIELD and 4 other Attorney Generals speak at Revolutionary Hall Jan. 21, 2026 you-tube videos  
**Attachments:** Democratic attorneys general in Oregon hint at election integrity fight ahead of 2026 midterms.docx

**To:** Kathryn Harrington, Chair of Washington County Commission and Commissioners, Jerry Willey, Pam Treece, Nafisa Fai, Jason Snider (public comment for Jan. 27, 2026)

**To:** Malynda Wenzl, Mayor of Forest Grove, and City Councilors

**To:** Beach Pace, Mayor of Hillsboro, and City Councilors

**To:** Lacey Beaty, Mayor of Beaverton, and City Councilors

**Re:** Dan Rayfield and 4 other Attorney Generals spoke at Revolutionary Hall Jan. 21, 2026, you-tube videos of those speeches.

**Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield spoke first after being introduced by Cheryl Strayed. The Attorney Generals from California, Hawaii, Maine, and Minnesota spoke and answered audience questions.**

I, Dale Feik, attended the **Federal Oversight & Accountability** Town Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-8:00 pm, at Revolutionary Hall in Portland and video recorded their speeches.

**To listen to their speeches, click on the active links below.**

Note: Shaanth Kodialam Nanguneri, reporter for Oregon Capital Chronical, wrote a story about it. I attached that story titled 'Democratic attorneys general warn of election integrity fight ahead of 2026 midterms'.

<https://youtu.be/DrntOPfSnZs?si=V8laDJa57SRyHeZa> -- Five Attorney Generals introduced by Cheryl Strayed, Oregon AG Dan Rayfield spoke first

[https://youtube.com/shorts/OJmR3i\\_CdGs?si=-ZD-TCv5QwWeVnFI](https://youtube.com/shorts/OJmR3i_CdGs?si=-ZD-TCv5QwWeVnFI) -- Oregon AG Dan Rayfield, continues to speak

<https://youtube.com/shorts/S7cTZ6YXXqA?si=MWNchdsdY6oMh6VI> -- California AG Rob Bonta speaks

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<https://youtube.com/shorts/jxVHIQjquc4?si=DhaiUaQwvffyU3kf> -- Maine AG Aaron Frey speaks

<https://youtube.com/shorts/6H1OICmKzCI?si=7m6cM4LWrvW4nygp> -- Minnesota AG Keith Ellison speaks

<https://youtube.com/shorts/eiA5kMSWjPs?si=MqA9wUbWC80ChZrO> -- Minnesota AG Keith Ellison continues to speak

<https://youtube.com/shorts/AMgJTQm7SV8?si=NkKTNwIryzHZOMnd> -- Oregon AG Dan Rayfield continues to speak, honors former AG Ellen Rosenblum

<https://youtube.com/shorts/sN5lqNj7NsQ?si=9mBG84aVv9AE3Qb5> -- Oregon AG Dan Rayfield continues to speak

<https://youtube.com/shorts/cZ3bWPPDUJg?si=h9rV46A5Hlt6vHGa> -- Hawaii AG Anne Lopez continues to speak, conclusion

<https://youtube.com/shorts/DNPrKZRNRZA?si=lay8n8dDrxz5EfoW> – Maine AG Aaron Frey continues to speak, conclusion

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<https://youtube.com/shorts/SuCFVCY0gfQ?si=gphIEbdxTPssmjf9> -- California AG Rob Bonta continues to speak, conclusion

<https://youtube.com/shorts/OvyIwLY4zko?si=Tnv7RaDfuBbrduR1> -- Oregon AG Dan Rayfield, continues to speak, conclusion

In the fight for our lives,

Dale Feik

Chair of Washington County Citizen Action Network (WC CAN)- <http://www.wc-can.org/>: WC CAN is a coalition of grassroots advocates (individuals and groups) dedicated to improving quality of life in Washington County by promoting healthy and sustainable communities, social and economic justice, and open and responsive government.

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**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Monday, January 26, 2026 9:17 AM  
**To:** City Councilors  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Contact City Council

### Contact City Council

First Name	Megan
Last Name	Vincent
City	Forest Grove
State	OR
Zip	97116
Email	<a href="mailto:pacificdonuts@gmail.com">pacificdonuts@gmail.com</a>
Whom would you like to contact?	Entire Forest Grove City Council (Includes Mayor Wenzl)
Would you like a response?	Yes
Would you like your comment included in the next available Council packet as Public Comment?	Yes
Question / Comment	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>We at Pacific Donuts would like to respectfully request consideration for the designation of a 10-minute parking space designated for the parking spot in front of our store between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Pacific Donuts serves a high volume of customers making quick stops for coffee and donuts, particularly during morning and midday hours. A short-term parking space would greatly improve customer access, reduce congestion, and support safe and efficient turnover for both customers and delivery drivers.</p> <p>This request is intended to support local business activity while</p>

remaining mindful of overall parking availability in the area. We believe a clearly marked 10-minute space during these hours would benefit not only our customers, but also help maintain smooth traffic flow nearby.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would be happy to discuss this request further or provide any additional information needed.

Sincerely,  
Meg and Bill Vincent

Meg & Bill | Owners  
Pacific Donuts  
Forest Grove, OR | 97116  
email [pacifcdonuts@gmail.com](mailto:pacifcdonuts@gmail.com)  
Phone (503)764-8983

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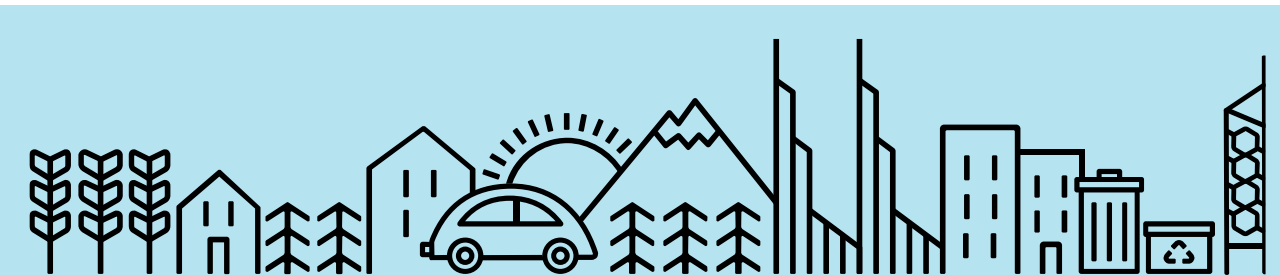
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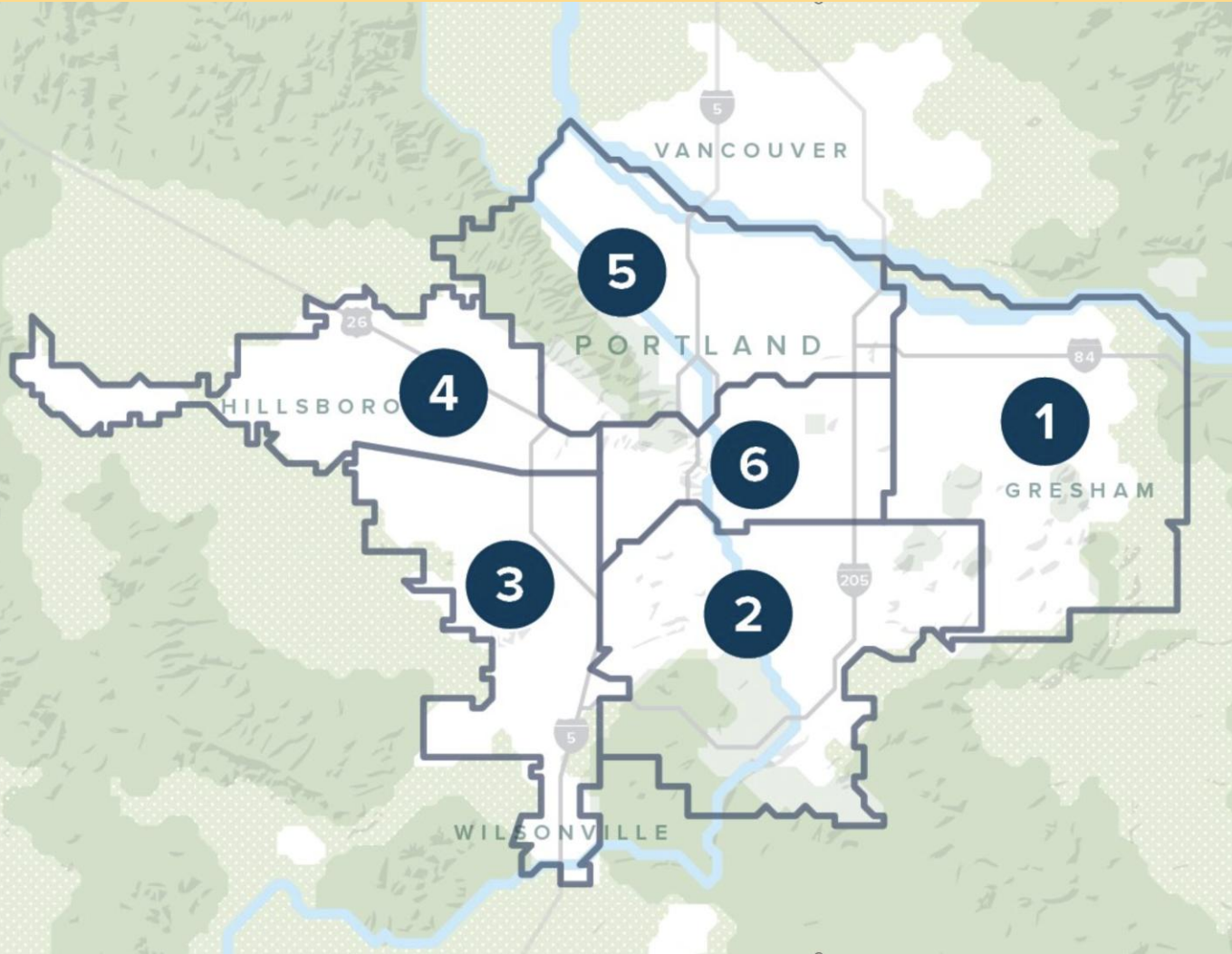
# Metro Update – January 2026





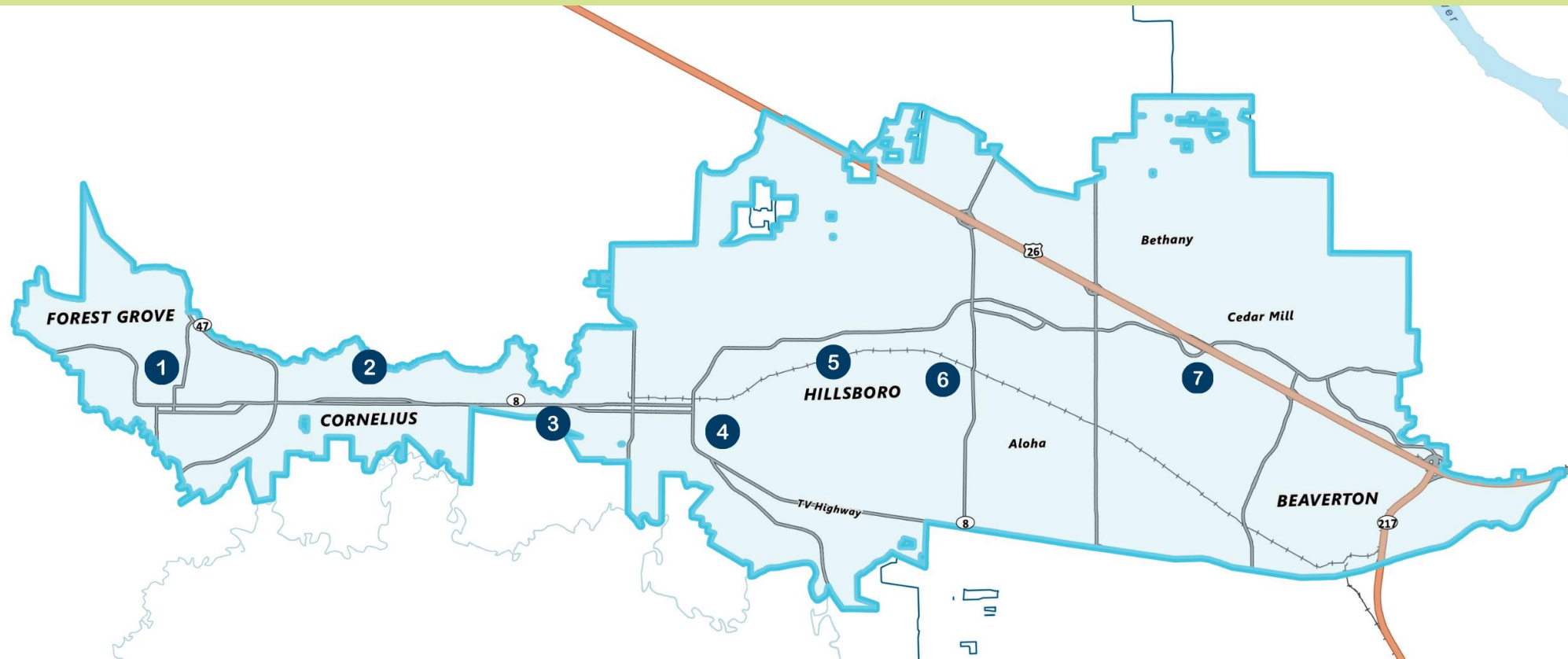
Metro

# Metro at a glance:



- Nation's only elected regional government
- Includes three counties, 24 cities, and 1.7 million people
- Large-scale and long-term projects and planning
- Transportation, housing, land use, garbage and recycling, parks, natural areas, the Oregon Zoo and more

# District 4



1. Forest Grove downtown
2. Council Creek Trail
3. Hillsboro Year-Round Shelter
4. Calle Diez Neighborhood
5. Orenco Station
6. Orenco Woods Nature Park
7. Tualatin Valley Highway safety improvements

# Councilor Juan Carlos González

- First elected November 2018
- Passionate about housing affordability, infrastructure, and supporting the region both nationally and internationally
- Chair of **JPACT** (transportation)  
Chair of the **Future Vision Commission** (long-term planning) - **creating alignment for the next 50 years of how we want to grow**
- Longtime nonprofit leader and advocate in Washington County



# Metro Emergency Actions

## Westside Immigration Response Group

- Thank you to Mayor Wenzl for your participation on behalf of your community. Audiences with Governor Kotek, AG Rayfield, Congresswoman Bonamici

## Emergency Resolutions

- **Food Insecurity** - Metro Council moved \$500,000 in emergency money to food banks (November 2025)
- **Immigration Enforcement Impacts** – Metro Council moved \$500,000 to the three counties to support impacted families (December 2025)

# Housing Production



## Housing Production Acceleration Fund:

- Passed \$5 million in one-time investments. Eligible uses may include on-call pre-development services; hiring planners and building inspectors, assessment and clean-up of environmentally contaminated sites; analyzing where land for future developments should be purchased; and support for implementation of local Housing Production Strategies.
- [Regional Housing Coordination Strategy](#), adopted by the Council on Dec. 18. The six-year plan guides Metro's efforts around housing production, with an emphasis on affordability and development

## Relevant Projects:

- We are on track to deliver more than 5,600 units through the AHB, passed in 2018
- Through the Affordable Housing Bond in 2018 -- on average, households paid ~\$80/year to house 10,000 neighbors and create 2,300 jobs averaged at \$92,000 annual wage

# Housing Supports

## Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Reforms:

- On December 16, 2025 Metro adopted new SHS reforms around governance, compliance, and accountability, and the new consolidated Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (RPOC) will start in April.
- Metro remains committed to the future of SHS and the people who use it.
- Council President Peterson + Councilors Lewis & Gonzalez will serve as Metro reps on this new and improved RPOC body



# Parks and Nature



- **2019 Bond expending through 2030.** Grown to 20,000 acre portfolio. Funds capital investments, safety and access, neighborhood grants and large scale community vision funding
- **Need for Parks Levy renewal** -- over last 12 months Parks has helped us understand the services we are not able to provide to community (rangers safety, education) due to restrictions in our current levy
- **Need update for Parks and Nature System Plan** (last approved by Metro Council in 2016)



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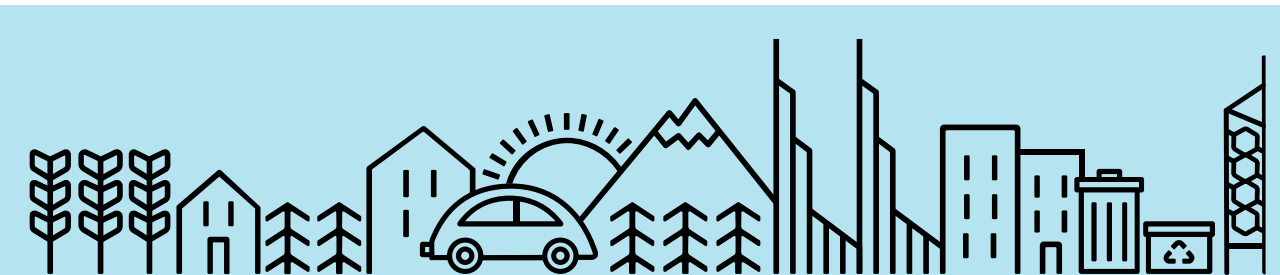
- Born in Forest Grove and grew up in Cornelius
- Studied government and economics at Georgetown
- Chief Strategy Officer for Centro Cultural de Washington County
- Oak Hills neighborhood in Beaverton with wife Lorena and daughter Sofia



# Thank You

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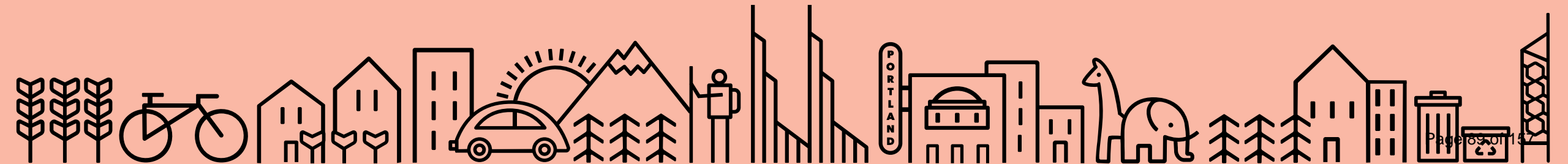
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- Arts and events
- Garbage and recycling
- Housing and supportive services
- Land and transportation
- Parks and nature
- Oregon Zoo

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# TV HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Dan Riordan | Senior Planner

Bryan Pohl | Community Development Director

City Council Meeting 1|26|26

# AGENDA

Presentation Purpose

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Forest Grove Forward Vision and Actions

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Project Background

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Access Management Defined

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Work Completed

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Next Steps

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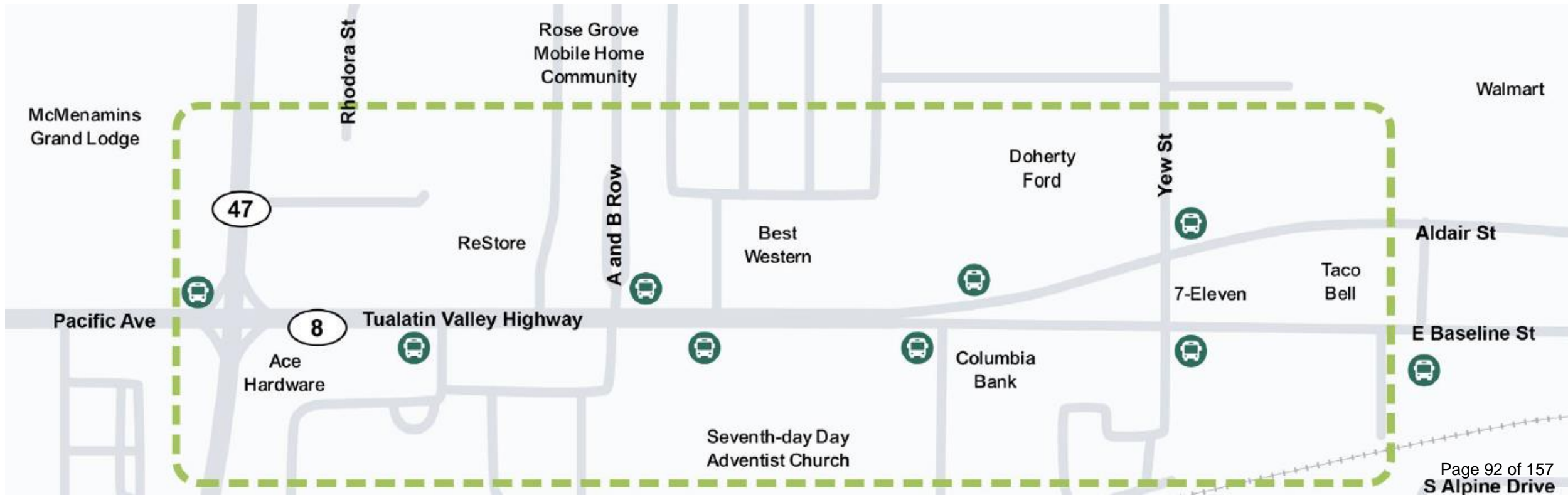
Questions

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# PRESENTATION PURPOSE

Introduce the TV Highway Access Management Strategy project and update the City Council on work completed to date and next steps.

## Project Area



# FOREST GROVE FORWARD

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This project addresses two actions in the Forest Grove Forward Vision adopted by City Council in 2025:

Action 2.10: Partner with ODOT to improve the Highway 47 and TV Highway safety corridor.

Action 2.28: Implement the East Forest Grove TV Highway Safety Improvement Plan.



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

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This project is partially funded by the Oregon Transportation and Growth Program (TGM). A joint Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development program.



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

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## Project Team

Oregon Department of Transportation: Kenny Werth



HDR (Engineering Consultant): Marcela Rodriguez-Torres



Enviroissues (Community Engagement Consultant): Joey Posada



City of Forest Grove: Bryan Pohl, Dan Riordan, Greg Robertson, Dave Nemeyer



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project is follow-up to the East Forest Grove TV Highway Safety Improvement Plan adopted by the City Council in 2022.

The East Forest Grove Safety Improvement Plan identifies access management as a priority for transforming TV Highway into a vibrant, attractive, and calmer arterial roadway that is pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

## Access Management Plan »

Driveways are critical access points for people using cars to get to medical services, stores and other destinations along the OR-8 corridor in East Forest Grove and for larger delivery vehicles to access businesses. However, the area has numerous driveways that encroach on bike lanes and sidewalks facilities. The driveways typically allow drivers to turn either direction onto OR-8 which can disrupt traffic flow and create conflicts.

Figure 31. Turn lanes from parking lot to OR-8 in East Forest Grove



Access management is a set of measures and actions that ODOT can use to extend the operational life of a highway by reducing conflicting vehicle movements to improve traffic flow and reduce crashes. Completing an access management plan will guide improvements that reduce conflict points from driveways and vehicle access points. Driveways serving the same or adjacent parking areas can be consolidated and raised center medians may also be used to restrict left turns. Specific locations will be determined through more detailed engineering investigation that involve affected property and business owners. Specific modifications may be triggered as new development or redevelopment applications arise, as transportation improvement projects are implemented, or as additional safety and operational issues arise

### Needs

- High number of collisions between vehicles and pedestrians at several intersections.
- Survey respondents report concerns regarding conflicts with vehicles at driveways

## East Forest Grove Safety Improvement Plan

# ACCESS MANAGEMENT DEFINED

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Access management includes transportation system design treatments intended to improve roadway safety and user mobility.

Access management is achieved by applying consistent design standards to regulate vehicle turning movements, driveway location, driveway width, and spacing between driveways.

Access management standards are applied based on roadway design (number of travel lanes), traffic volume, traffic speed, land uses adjacent to the roadway and zoning.

# ACCESS MANAGEMENT DEFINED

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Examples of access management strategies include:

- ✓ Restricting vehicle turning movements (right-in/right-out)
- ✓ Consolidating nearby driveways
- ✓ Requiring site access from side streets where feasible,
- ✓ Encouraging reciprocal access easements/agreements to allow travel between properties, or
- ✓ Closing some access points along a roadway

# PROJECT NEED

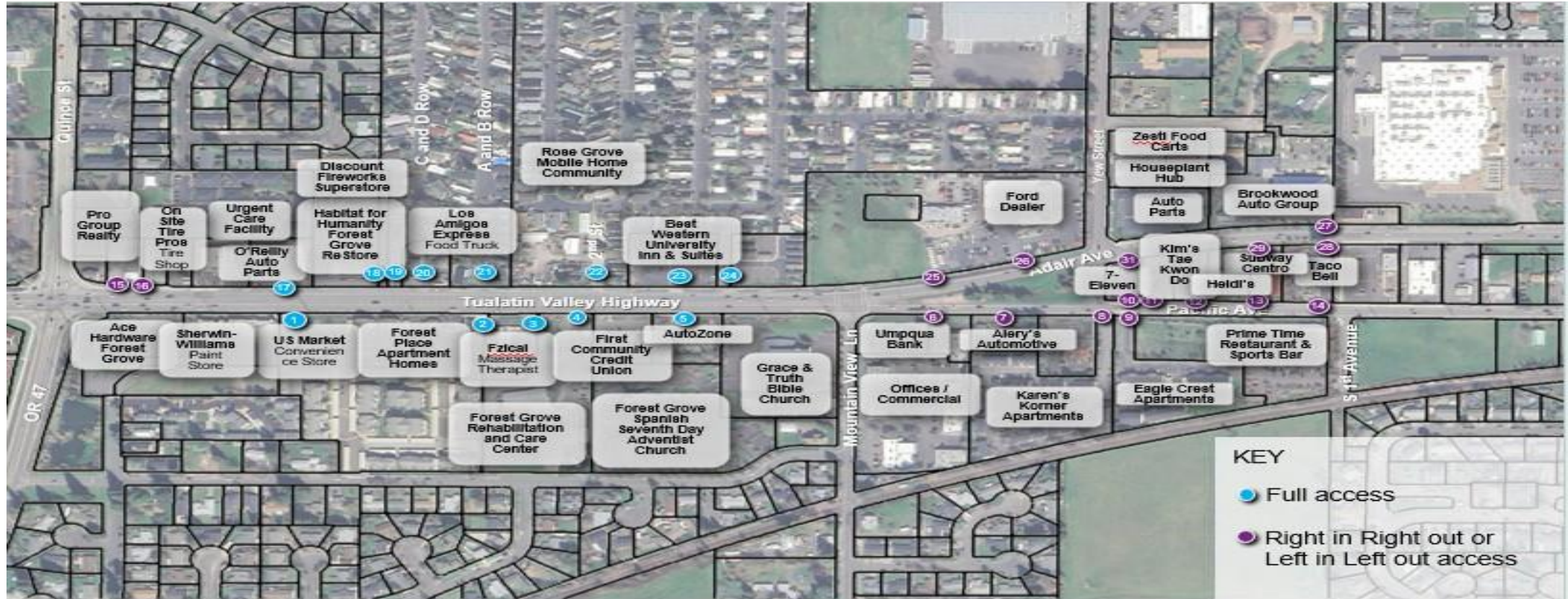
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The project corridor from Quince Street to the Forest Grove/Cornelius boundary is just over one-half mile in length.

Along this stretch, there are 29 driveway access points.



# PROJECT NEED



The numerous access points create conflicts between methods of travel compromising the safety of drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and persons using mobility devices.

# PROJECT NEED

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This project will address the safety issues caused by the numerous access points along the project corridor.

Information will be gathered to understand how driveways along the corridor are used and how safety could be improved.

This information will be used to prepare policy recommendations for consideration by City Council. This includes proposed amendments to the City's Transportation System Plan and Development Code.

# PROJECT GOALS

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Implement the Forest Grove Forward 2040 Vision Plan related to TV Highway.

Adopt cost-effective and feasible access management solutions supported by property owners, business owners, residents, and ODOT.

Improve safety outcomes.

Coordinate access management with other corridor projects.

# PROJECT TIMELINE



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Community engagement is a project priority. Engagement objectives include:

Foster collaboration and understanding about access management needs among parties potentially affected by the project.

Facilitate engagement opportunities without barriers to participation.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Engagement tools include:

An easy-to-understand project factsheet in both English and Spanish.

A project webpage with a comment form in both English and Spanish.

All documents prepared for the project will be available for review on the project webpages.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Project Webpages

Create a Website Account - Manage notification subscriptions, save form progress and more. Website Sign In

- City Wide Cleanup
- Civics Academy
- Common Codes Enforced
- Downtown Improvements
- Facility Reservations
- Forest Grove Forward
- Forest Grove Loop Trail
- Grant Opportunities
- Garbage & Recycling
- Grove Link
- Historic Districts
- Inclement Weather Resources
- Land Acknowledgement
- Leaf Collection
- Livability Survey
- Local Events
- Local History

### TV HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

Select Language

[Project Comment Form](#)

[Página en español](#)

#### Making TV Highway in Forest Grove Safer and Easier to Use

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#### Project Area

The project area covers a two-thirds-mile section of TV Highway from OR 47 and Avenue, near the Forest Grove-Cornelius border. The corridor includes 36 properties offices, apartments, assisted-living homes, and the city's largest manufactured-ho

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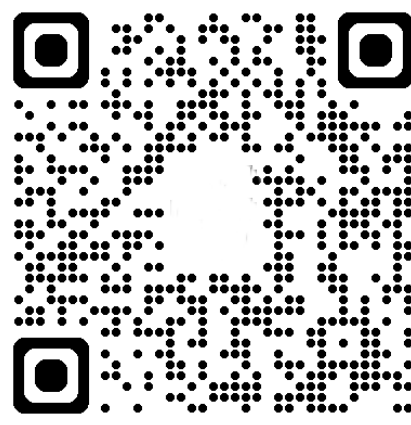

#### Haciendo que la Autopista TV en Forest Grove sea más segura y fácil de transitar

La Ciudad de Forest Grove, en colaboración con el Departamento de Transporte de Oregon (ODOT por sus siglas en inglés), está desarrollando un Plan de Gestión de Accesos para la Autopista del Valle de Tualatin (o TV Highway). Este plan se basa en el [Plan de Mejora de la Seguridad del Este de Forest Grove](#), que identificó la gestión de accesos como una herramienta clave para que la Autopista TV sea más segura y fácil de transitar para todos.

Este proyecto está financiado parcialmente por una subvención del Programa de Gestión del Transporte y el Crecimiento (TGM por sus siglas en inglés), un programa conjunto del Departamento de Transporte de Oreg

#### El área del proyecto

El área del proyecto abarca un tramo de dos tercios de milla de la autop límite entre Forest Grove y Cornelius. El corredor incluye 36 propiedades asistida y la comunidad de casas prefabricadas más grande de la ciudad



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Tools for collecting information from the community include:

Review of project work products by a technical advisory committee with representatives from the consultant team, ODOT, Metro, Washington County, City departments, and Centro Cultural.

Property and business owner meetings.

Resident focus group meetings.

Community open house.



# WORK COMPLETED

## Project Factsheet

### TV HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN

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**Legend**  
Project area



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#### Why This Work Matters

Access management helps with planning and design of driveways and side streets that connect to the highway. This plan will evaluate strategies to improve safety and traffic flow by reducing conflict points, and managing turning movements. Specifically, it will:

- Improve safety and mobility for everyone walking, biking, driving, and using transit
- Reduce crashes and conflicts through smarter access design
- Keep traffic flowing smoothly while supporting local business access and community growth
- Protect public investments in the roadway and nearby infrastructure
- Create a calmer, more attractive corridor that aligns with ODOT, Metro, the Forest Grove Forward 2040 Vision Plan, and the East Forest Grove Safety Improvement Plan by advancing safety and walkability

Forest Grove Forward is the community's vision statement and action plan that reflects what truly matters to the residents of Forest Grove: sustainability, safety, and connectivity.



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### Project Timeline

Year	Key Activities
2025	<b>Existing Conditions</b> Aug—Dec 2025 Gather data and community input to understand access and safety needs.
2026	<b>Alternatives Development &amp; Evaluation</b> Dec 2025—Jun 2026 Develop and review recommendations with community feedback.
2027	<b>Plan and Code Updates</b> Jun—Nov 2026 Draft updates to the City's Transportation System Plan and Development Code.
2027	<b>Adoption</b> Dec 2026—Mar 2027 Finalize and adopt the plan.

#### Get Involved

Your feedback will shape this plan. Residents, businesses, and local organizations are invited to share ideas for how to make TV Highway in Forest Grove safer and easier to navigate.

#### Stay up to date

Visit [forestgrove-or.gov/tvhw](https://forestgrove-or.gov/tvhw) to learn more about the project, sign up for updates, and stay informed about upcoming meetings and events, including meetings with businesses and property owners and a community open house planned for 2026. You can also share your input and explore project materials online.

**Contact**  
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# WORK COMPLETED

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## Public Involvement Plan



### Public Involvement Plan

Pacific Avenue & Tualatin Valley Highway  
Access Management Strategy

City of Forest Grove

*Forest Grove, Oregon*

October 16, 2025



# WORK COMPLETED

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## Existing Plan and Policy Review



### Memorandum #1: Plans and Policies Review (FINAL)

Pacific Avenue and Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway  
Access Management Strategy

City of Forest Grove

*Forest Grove, Oregon*

December 3, 2025



# WORK COMPLETED

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## Existing Conditions Review



### Memorandum #2: Existing Conditions (FINAL)

Forest Grove Access Management Strategy  
OR-8 (TV Highway) from OR-47 to City Limits

December 3, 2025



# NEXT STEPS

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Conduct property and business owner meetings starting in late-January 2026.

Complete Technical Memo #3: Access Management Evaluation Criteria.

Complete Memo #4: Draft short- and long-term access management recommendations.

Conduct a community open house in May 2026

# NEXT STEPS

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Complete Memo #5: Draft Development Code and Transportation System Plan Recommended Updates.

Complete Memo #6: Final Development Code and Transportation System Plan Recommended Updates.

Planning Commission and City Council work sessions and public hearings beginning in January 2027.

Final Access Management Strategy adopted by June 2027.

Thank you!  
Questions?

STAFF REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

TO: City Council

FROM: Jess VanderZanden, City Manager

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2026

PROJECT TEAM: Mariah Woods, City Recorder

SUBJECT TITLE: Ordinance 2026-01 Amending Liquor License Issuance

ACTION REQUESTED:  Ordinance  Order  Resolution  Informational

2040 VISION PLAN

- Goal Area: Economy
- Outcome: Create a balanced and diversified economy offering a variety of commercial businesses and industrial businesses, offering high-paying job opportunities.
- Action 1.6: Strengthen the City’s partnership with local small businesses to support local distribution and entrepreneurship.

BACKGROUND

The City Council established Forest Grove’s current liquor license process in 2010 with the adoption of Ordinance 2010-05; the process has not been revised since its adoption. The City Council held a work session on October 27, 2025 to consider revisions to the process.

The current liquor license process is time-consuming for applicants and requires significant staff time to administer. Feedback from some local business owners indicated that the length of the process constitutes an obstacle to conducting business in Forest Grove. The staff work required is largely duplicative; the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is ultimately responsible for issuance of liquor licenses in the state of Oregon, and to that effect establishes denial criteria and conducts background checks on applicants. While ORS 471.166 allows local governments to make recommendations on issuance, unfavorable recommendations are only considered if they adhere to the OLCCs established grounds for denial.

A survey of liquor license processes in other Oregon cities found that no other city conducts background checks for annual license renewals or requires a local business license for special event liquor licenses. Only one of the cities surveyed requires city council review for favorable recommendations.

Upon discussion, the City Council reached consensus on updates that aim to streamline the process, increase efficiency, and reduce costs while maintaining oversight. Some of the approved changes require updates to the City Code of Ordinances.

Staff has drafted amendments to the City Code accordingly. The substantive changes are as follows:

1. Authorize City Manager or designee to make favorable recommendations to the OLCC, removing the requirement to place favorable recommendations on the consent agenda. Unfavorable recommendations would be referred to the City Council.
2. Remove background check requirement for annual renewals. Background checks would still be required for new applications.
3. Authorize Chief of Police to review annual renewal list; unfavorable recommendations would be referred to the City Council.
4. Remove business license requirement for special event liquor licenses.

Some additional changes are included to clean up code language, including:

1. Renaming the section title from “Liquor License Issuance” to “Liquor License Review” to more accurately reflect the City’s role in liquor licensing.
2. Correction of “Oregon Liquor Control Commission” to “Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission” to reflect the OLCC’s name change.
3. Removal of some items in §110.071(B) that are not necessary for the background check.
4. Renumbering of sections for clarity.
5. Minor grammatical corrections.

A mark-up of the proposed changes to the code is attached; **highlighted** text indicates new language, and ~~strikethrough~~ indicates removed language. A version of the complete text without mark-up is included as Exhibit A to Ordinance 2026-01.

The Chief of Police has confirmed that the updated process is administrable. The OLCC has reviewed the proposed changes and found them to be consistent with statute and commission rules.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance 2026-01

## ATTACHMENTS

- Proposed Code Changes with Mark-up
- Ordinance 2026-01 with Exhibit A: Liquor License Review

## LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW ISSUANCE

### § 110.070 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this section is to implement guidelines that allow the city an opportunity to review and make written recommendation on liquor license applications before licenses are issued by the Oregon Liquor Control and Cannabis Commission (OLCC). A new liquor license or annual renewal liquor license application shall be processed in accordance with §§ 110.071 and 110.072. Special event winery and/or grower permits, and temporary sales liquor licenses, and annual renewal liquor license applications shall be processed in accordance with § 110.073.

### § 110.071 LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW ISSUANCE; RENEWAL; FEES.

(A) Any person or business requesting City Council recommendation for a new liquor license must submit a signed criminal records check form provided by the city, in accordance with § 32.17, along with the applicable OLCC liquor license application.

(B) The city's criminal records check form shall contain:

(1) The type of license applied for and a description of the nature of the business for which the application is made;

(2) The name or trade name of the business, address of the business, and business telephone number;

(3) The full name of the applicant or licensee, mailing address, date of birth, physical description, driver license number and state issued, applicant's or licensee's signature, and date signed;

~~(4) The applicant or licensee must list the name(s) of any person who is an employee, volunteer, or agent of the holder of the liquor license and/or who manage the business or event;~~

(4) (5) The applicant or licensee must verify, if applicable, that he or she has have obtained a valid city business license or temporary business license in accordance with § 110.004;

(5) (6) Any other information the City Manager deems necessary for making recommendation;

(C) (7) The applicant or licensee shall pay, prior to processing the liquor license application, an application fee set in the maximum amount allowed by state law and as specified by Council resolution. The city's application processing fee shall be nonrefundable;

(D) (8) Pursuant to O.R.S. 471.166 and O.A.R. 845-005-0304, the OLCC allows the city 45 days from the date a new liquor license application is date stamped by the city to make

written recommendation to OLCC. The city may request up to an additional 45 days to conduct further investigation if considering an unfavorable recommendation;

~~(9) Pursuant to O.R.S. 471.166 and O.A.R. 845-005-0304, the OLCC allows the city 60 days from the date the OLCC notifies the city that an application for renewal of a liquor license is due to make written recommendation to OLCC. The city may request up to an additional 45 days to conduct further investigation if considering an unfavorable recommendation; and~~

**(E)** ~~(10)~~ The applicant or licensee shall be responsible to submit the city-endorsed liquor license application and receipt issued by the city to the OLCC.

### **§ 110.072 LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUANCE; NOTICE; RECOMMENDATION; HEARING.**

(A) The OLCC requires that an applicant or licensee give notice to the city when an application is made for issuance of a liquor license.

(B) The city's liquor license issuance and recommendation shall be as follows.

(1) The City Manager or designee shall provide the applicable city form(s) and shall maintain a record of liquor license applications in accordance with state laws.

(2) The City Manager or designee shall accept liquor license applications only when the conditions of §§ 110.071 through 110.073 have been met.

(3) The City Manager or designee shall cause the liquor license application to be reviewed by the Chief of Police or designee and/or any other department manager, for the purpose of obtaining information necessary to make a recommendation.

(4) Pursuant to § 32.18, the Chief of Police or designee who is authorized to perform a criminal records check through LEDS, is authorized, upon receipt of a signed criminal records check form, to conduct a criminal and/or driver records check on the applicant or licensee requesting a liquor license in the city, including persons who are an employee, volunteer, or agent of the holder of the liquor license.

(5) The Chief of Police or designee shall review the suitability of the liquor license application, including criminal and/or driver records, and make recommendation to the City **Manager** ~~Council~~ based on the findings.

(6) If the Chief of Police or designee finds no bases for an unfavorable recommendation, **the City Council delegates to the City Manager or designee its authority to make favorable recommendations to the OLCC** ~~the matter shall be scheduled as a consent agenda item before the City Council.~~

(7) If the Chief of Police or designee finds there are valid grounds to make an unfavorable recommendation, based on substantial evidence relevant to the license refusal bases as prescribed by state liquor laws (O.R.S. Chapter 471), the matter shall be scheduled as a public hearing before the City Council and notice to the applicant or

licensee shall be given by registered mail, postmarked no later than seven business days prior to the public hearing at which the matter will be considered.

(8) The public hearing notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and reason(s) for making an unfavorable recommendation.

(9) Any person wishing to present testimony at the public hearing shall be given an opportunity to do so before the closing of the hearing.

(10) After due consideration of pertinent information and testimony, the City Council shall make its recommendation.

(11) In case of an adverse recommendation, based on substantial evidence relevant to the license refusal basis as prescribed by state liquor laws (O.R.S. Chapter 471), findings shall be produced and forwarded to the OLCC along with the City Council recommendation.

**§ 110.073 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; ISSUANCE; RULES; RENEWALS; SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE.**

(A) In order to expedite service to applicants or licensees seeking written recommendation for a special event winery and/or grower permit or temporary sales liquor license, the City Council delegates to the City Manager or designee its authority to review liquor license renewals, special event winery and/or grower permits, and temporary sales liquor license applications, and make recommendation to OLCC.

(B) The city's special event winery and/or grower permit and temporary sales liquor license rules, fees, and recommendation shall be as follows.

(1) The applicant or licensee shall pay prior to processing a special event winery and/or grower permit or temporary sales liquor license application, an application fee, set in the maximum amount allowed by state law, and as specified by Council resolution. The city's application processing fee shall be nonrefundable.

~~(2) The applicant or licensee must verify, if applicable, that he or she has obtained a valid city temporary business license for an event held in the city. Special events are subject to the provisions of §§ 110.025 through 110.030, business license required.~~

~~(2)~~ (3) In case of an adverse recommendation, the City Manager or designee shall comply with the guidelines prescribed in §§ 110.071 and 110.072.

~~(3)~~ (4) The City Manager or designee may refuse to accept any liquor license application if the applicant or licensee has not allowed at least seven days before the event date to obtain recommendation from the city and/or the liquor license application was not submitted in the form prescribed in § 110.071.

~~(4)~~ (5) In case of refusal to accept a liquor license permit or application, the City Manager or designee shall prepare a written letter addressed to the OLCC stating the reason(s) for refusal or non-acceptance of the liquor license permit or application.

(C) Pursuant to O.R.S. 471.166 and O.A.R. 845-005-0304, the city is allowed 60 days from the date the OLCC notifies the city that an application for renewal of a liquor license is due to make written recommendation to the OLCC. The city may request up to an additional 45 days to conduct further investigation if considering an unfavorable recommendation. Upon receipt of annual renewal notice from the OLCC, the Chief of Police or designee shall conduct a cursory review of police calls for service at the establishments due for renewal. If disqualifying information is found, the matter shall be referred to the City Council pursuant to § 110.072.

#### **§ 110.999 PENALTY.**

(A) ~~It is unlawful for any person to~~ **No person shall** make any false or misleading statement to the city for the purpose of determining the amount of any license fee to be paid to the city, or to fail or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) All persons doing business within the city for which a business license is required by this chapter shall make all records showing the number of employees or persons engaged in the business available to the city at its request for purposes of auditing and verifying license fees charged based upon employee counts. Such records shall be held to the extent permitted in confidence consistent with state law.

(C) A business license fee due from any person and not paid in full when due is delinquent, and the city may avail itself of any and all remedies available to it to collect the fee from that person.

(D) A person required by this chapter who fails to timely secure a license under this chapter before becoming delinquent is in violation of this code. The city shall collect, in addition to the appropriate license fee and other fines assessed, an additional penalty of 10% of the fee for each calendar month or fraction thereof the license is delinquent, up to a maximum total of fines and penalties of \$1,000.

(E) In the event any provision of this chapter is violated by an entity, the officer(s) or person(s) in charge shall be personally liable for the penalties imposed by this section.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING FOREST GROVE CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE XI (BUSINESS REGULATIONS), CHAPTER 110 (BUSINESS LICENSING), §110.070 THROUGH §110.999 AMENDING LIQUOR LICENSE GUIDELINES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2010-05**

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) allows local governing bodies to adopt liquor license review guidelines consistent with Oregon liquor laws (pursuant to ORS 471); and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2010, the Forest Grove City Council adopted Ordinance 2010-05 implementing liquor license issuance review guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, at a work session held on October 27, 2025 the City Council reached consensus to make updates to the City liquor licensing process; and

**WHEREAS**, the OLCC has determined the proposed changes are consistent with commission rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the public interest to amend the City's liquor license code to streamline the process, increase efficiency, and reduce costs while maintaining oversight.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF FOREST GROVE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby amend Forest Grove Code of Ordinances Title XI (Business Regulations) Chapter 110 (Business Licensing) as defined in Exhibit A, Liquor License Review.

**Section 2.** Ordinance No. 2010-05 is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict.

**Section 3.** This ordinance is effective 30 days following its enactment by the City Council.

**PRESENTED AND PASSED** the first reading this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

**PASSED** the second reading this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Mariah S. Woods, City Recorder

**APPROVED** by the Mayor this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

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Malynda H. Wenzl, Mayor

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The purpose of this section is to implement guidelines that allow the city an opportunity to review and make written recommendation on liquor license applications before licenses are issued by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC). A new liquor license application shall be processed in accordance with §§ 110.071 and 110.072. Special event winery and/or grower permits, temporary sales liquor licenses, and annual renewal liquor license applications shall be processed in accordance with § 110.073.

### § 110.071 LIQUOR LICENSE REVIEW; FEES.

(A) Any person or business requesting City Council recommendation for a new liquor license must submit a signed criminal records check form provided by the city, in accordance with § 32.17, along with the applicable OLCC liquor license application.

(B) The city's criminal records check form shall contain:

(1) The type of license applied for and a description of the nature of the business for which the application is made;

(2) The name or trade name of the business, address of the business, and business telephone number;

(3) The full name of the applicant or licensee, mailing address, date of birth, driver license number and state issued, applicant's or licensee's signature, and date signed;

(4) The applicant or licensee must verify, if applicable, that he or she has obtained a valid city business license or temporary business license in accordance with § 110.004;

(5) Any other information the City Manager deems necessary for making recommendation;

(C) The applicant or licensee shall pay, prior to processing the liquor license application, an application fee set in the maximum amount allowed by state law and as specified by Council resolution. The city's application processing fee shall be nonrefundable;

(D) Pursuant to O.R.S. 471.166 and O.A.R. 845-005-0304, the OLCC allows the city 45 days from the date a new liquor license application is date stamped by the city to make written recommendation to OLCC. The city may request up to an additional 45 days to conduct further investigation if considering an unfavorable recommendation;

(E) The applicant or licensee shall be responsible to submit the city-endorsed liquor license application and receipt issued by the city to the OLCC.

## **§ 110.072 LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUANCE; NOTICE; RECOMMENDATION; HEARING.**

(A) The OLCC requires that an applicant or licensee give notice to the city when an application is made for issuance of a liquor license.

(B) The city's liquor license issuance and recommendation shall be as follows.

(1) The City Manager or designee shall provide the applicable city form(s) and shall maintain a record of liquor license applications in accordance with state laws.

(2) The City Manager or designee shall accept liquor license applications only when the conditions of §§ 110.071 through 110.073 have been met.

(3) The City Manager or designee shall cause the liquor license application to be reviewed by the Chief of Police or designee and/or any other department manager, for the purpose of obtaining information necessary to make a recommendation.

(4) Pursuant to § 32.18, the Chief of Police or designee who is authorized to perform a criminal records check through LEDS, is authorized, upon receipt of a signed criminal records check form, to conduct a criminal and/or driver records check on the applicant or licensee requesting a liquor license in the city, including persons who are an employee, volunteer, or agent of the holder of the liquor license.

(5) The Chief of Police or designee shall review the suitability of the liquor license application, including criminal and/or driver records, and make recommendation to the City Manager based on the findings.

(6) If the Chief of Police or designee finds no bases for an unfavorable recommendation, the City Council delegates to the City Manager or designee its authority to make favorable recommendations to the OLCC.

(7) If the Chief of Police or designee finds there are valid grounds to make an unfavorable recommendation, based on substantial evidence relevant to the license refusal bases as prescribed by state liquor laws (O.R.S. Chapter 471), the matter shall be scheduled as a public hearing before the City Council and notice to the applicant or licensee shall be given by registered mail, postmarked no later than seven business days prior to the public hearing at which the matter will be considered.

(8) The public hearing notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and reason(s) for making an unfavorable recommendation.

(9) Any person wishing to present testimony at the public hearing shall be given an opportunity to do so before the closing of the hearing.

(10) After due consideration of pertinent information and testimony, the City Council shall make its recommendation.

(11) In case of an adverse recommendation, based on substantial evidence relevant to the license refusal basis as prescribed by state liquor laws (O.R.S. Chapter 471), findings shall be produced and forwarded to the OLCC along with the City Council recommendation.

**§ 110.073 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY; ISSUANCE; RULES; RENEWALS; SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSE.**

(A) In order to expedite service, the City Council delegates to the City Manager or designee its authority to review liquor license renewals, special event winery and/or grower permits, and temporary sales liquor license applications, and make recommendation to OLCC.

(B) The city's special event winery and/or grower permit and temporary sales liquor license rules, fees, and recommendation shall be as follows.

(1) The applicant or licensee shall pay prior to processing a special event winery and/or grower permit or temporary sales liquor license application, an application fee, set in the maximum amount allowed by state law, and as specified by Council resolution. The city's application processing fee shall be nonrefundable.

(2) In case of an adverse recommendation, the City Manager or designee shall comply with the guidelines prescribed in §§ 110.071 and 110.072.

(3) The City Manager or designee may refuse to accept any liquor license application if the applicant or licensee has not allowed at least seven days before the event date to obtain recommendation from the city.

(4) In case of refusal to accept a liquor license permit or application, the City Manager or designee shall prepare a written letter addressed to the OLCC stating the reason(s) for refusal or non-acceptance of the liquor license permit or application.

(C) Pursuant to O.R.S. 471.166 and O.A.R. 845-005-0304, the city is allowed 60 days from the date the OLCC notifies the city that an application for renewal of a liquor license is due to make written recommendation to the OLCC. The city may request up to an additional 45 days to conduct further investigation if considering an unfavorable recommendation. Upon receipt of annual renewal notice from the OLCC, the Chief of Police or designee shall conduct a cursory review of police calls for service at the establishments due for renewal. If disqualifying information is found, the matter shall be referred to the City Council pursuant to § 110.072.

**§ 110.999 PENALTY.**

(A) No person shall make any false or misleading statement to the city for the purpose of determining the amount of any license fee to be paid to the city, or to fail or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) All persons doing business within the city for which a business license is required by this chapter shall make all records showing the number of employees or persons engaged in the business available to the city at its request for purposes of auditing and verifying license fees charged based upon employee counts. Such records shall be held to the extent permitted in confidence consistent with state law.

(C) A business license fee due from any person and not paid in full when due is delinquent, and the city may avail itself of any and all remedies available to it to collect the fee from that person.

(D) A person required by this chapter who fails to timely secure a license under this chapter before becoming delinquent is in violation of this code. The city shall collect, in addition to the appropriate license fee and other fines assessed, an additional penalty of 10% of the fee for each calendar month or fraction thereof the license is delinquent, up to a maximum total of fines and penalties of \$1,000.

(E) In the event any provision of this chapter is violated by an entity, the officer(s) or person(s) in charge shall be personally liable for the penalties imposed by this section.



# Police Facility

Work Session, City Council

Henry Reimann, Police Chief

Jesse VanderZanden, City Manager

Ben Patinkin, President, Patinkin Research Strategies

January 26, 2026

# AGENDA

Purpose

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Background

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Polling Results

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Considerations

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# PURPOSE

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To review polling results and discuss next steps regarding a potential bond to construct a new police facility.

# 2040 VISION PLAN

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**Goal:** Community Growth

**Outcome:** Improve public safety response in Forest Grove

**Actions:** 2.17: Build a new police facility

# BACKGROUND: POLICE FACILITY

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2015	Needs Assessment
2016	Concept Design
2018	Property Purchase 19th and Birch
2018	Poll indicated difficult to pass
2019	Alternatives Analysis: New most cost-effective
2019-21	10% Design: Value engineered from 25.5k SF to 22k SF
2020	COVID, consensus not to ballot
2023-24	35% Design
May 2025	Ballot Measure 34-343 issuing \$29.5 million in bonds narrowly failed Yes: 47.75%, No: 52.25%
Nov 2025	Consensus to value engineer \$1.4 million in facility savings, preventing bond amount from increasing to \$31 million due to inflation

# CONSIDERATIONS

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- Polling Results
- City Operational Levy
- Ballot Timelines & Messaging

# POLLING RESULTS

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- Patinkin Research Strategies



# City of Forest Grove Police Station Survey

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RESEARCH  
STRATEGIES**



- **A survey of n=400 likely November 2026 voters in the City of Forest Grove was conducted via live phone. Telephone interviews were conducted via both landline and cell phone.**
- **A voter file sample was used and quotas were implemented to reflect a likely November 2026 electorate.**
- **Interviews were conducted January 5-8, 2026.**
- **The overall margin of error is +/-4.9%. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is larger.**
- **Throughout this report we refer to “younger” and “older” voters. Younger voters are under age 50 and older voters are age 50 and up.**
- **Throughout this report we also refer to “targets.” Targets are defined as voters who start out undecided or are voting “yes, not strongly” on the bond.**
- **Region breakouts by precinct:**
  - **West: Precinct 340**
  - **East: Precinct 339**

# City voter demographics:



	All Registered Voters	Likely May 2026 Voters	Likely November 2026 Voters
Male	46%	45%	45%
Female	50%	53%	53%
Under 50	54%	29%	44%
Over 50	46%	71%	56%
Over 70	18%	35%	24%
Democrats (reg.)	30%	44%	37%
NAV/Other (reg.)	48%	22%	34%
Republicans (reg.)	22%	34%	29%

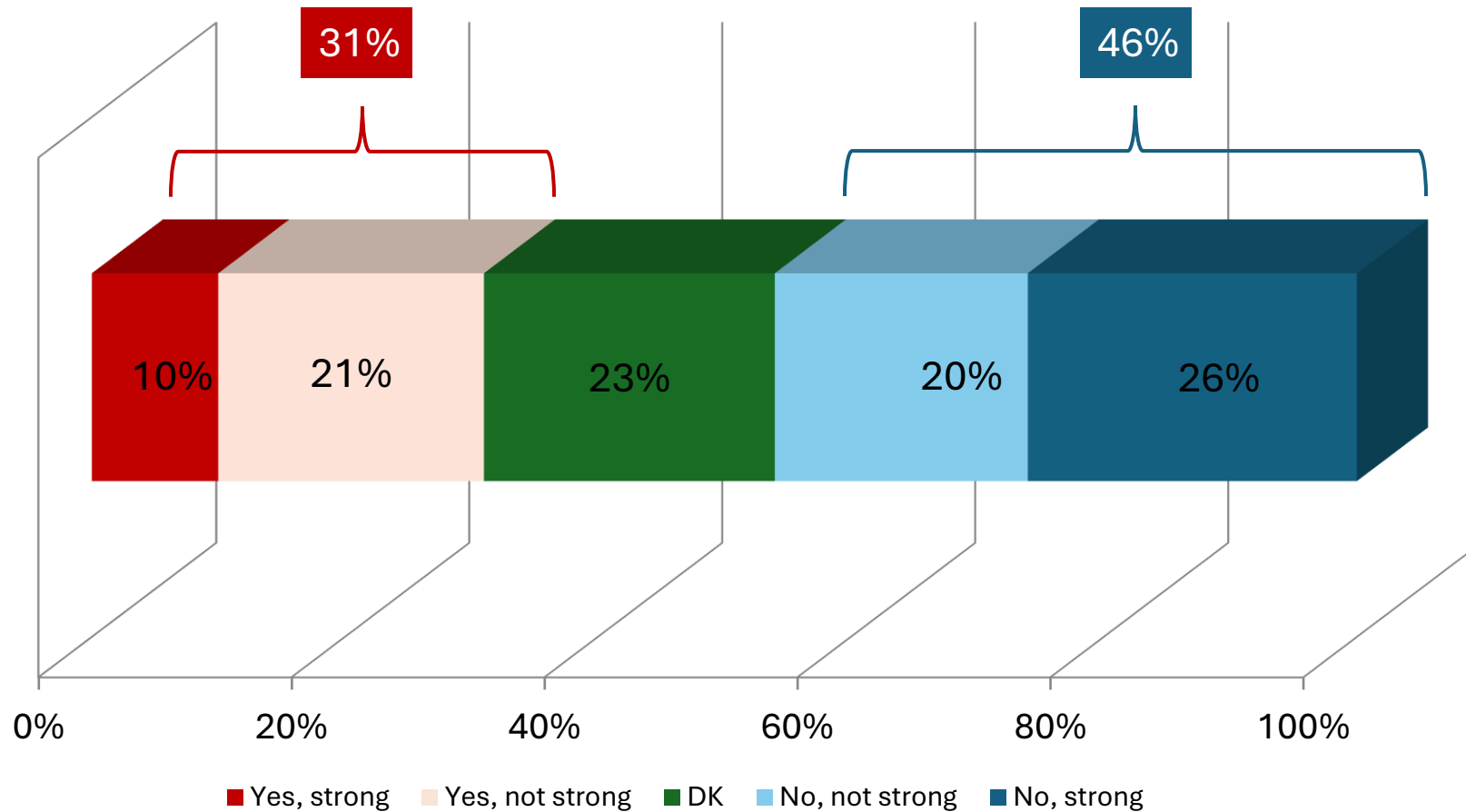


# Where We Start

# Nearly half (46%) say the current police station does not meet the needs of the community



However, nearly a third of those who say the building is inadequate still indicate they will be voting “no” on the bond.



	Net yes	Don't know	Net no
“Yes” on bond	27%	7%	44%
“No” on bond	66%	27%	32%
Undecided	8%	65%	24%

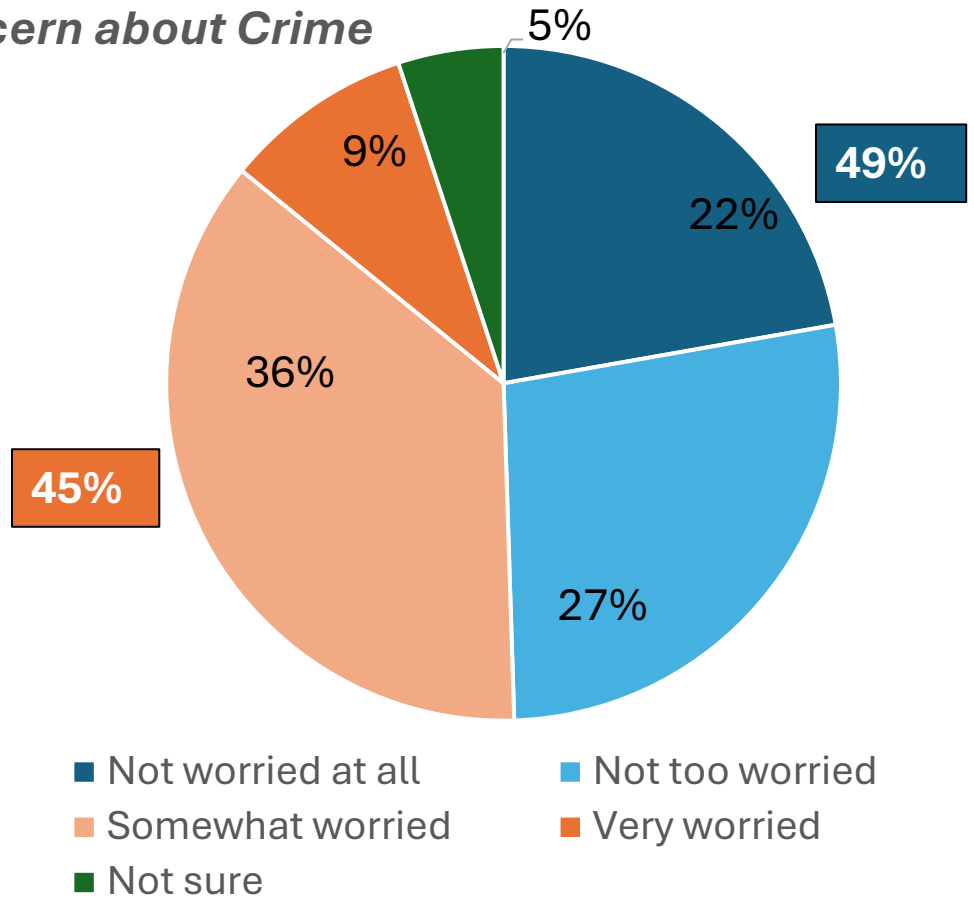
*Do you believe the building that houses the City of Forest Grove's police department meets the needs of the community for public safety and policing?*

Voters are divided over concerns about crime in Forest Grove—many of our targets are less likely to indicate crime is a worry, something to consider when thinking about tone



Worries about crime are a decent indicator of vote choice on the bond.

**Concern about Crime**



**Most likely to be net “not worried:”**

Men under age 50	63%
Under age 40	61%
Democrats, no college	61%
NAV, no college	57%
No college women	57%
Democratic men	55%
Older Democrats	55%
Over age 70	54%
<b>Net worried</b>	<b>49%</b>

**Most likely to be net “worried:”**

GOP women	62%
Older Republicans	57%
Women, college+	57%
Ages 60-69	56%
Older, college+	56%
Republicans, college+	52%
<b>Net worried</b>	<b>45%</b>

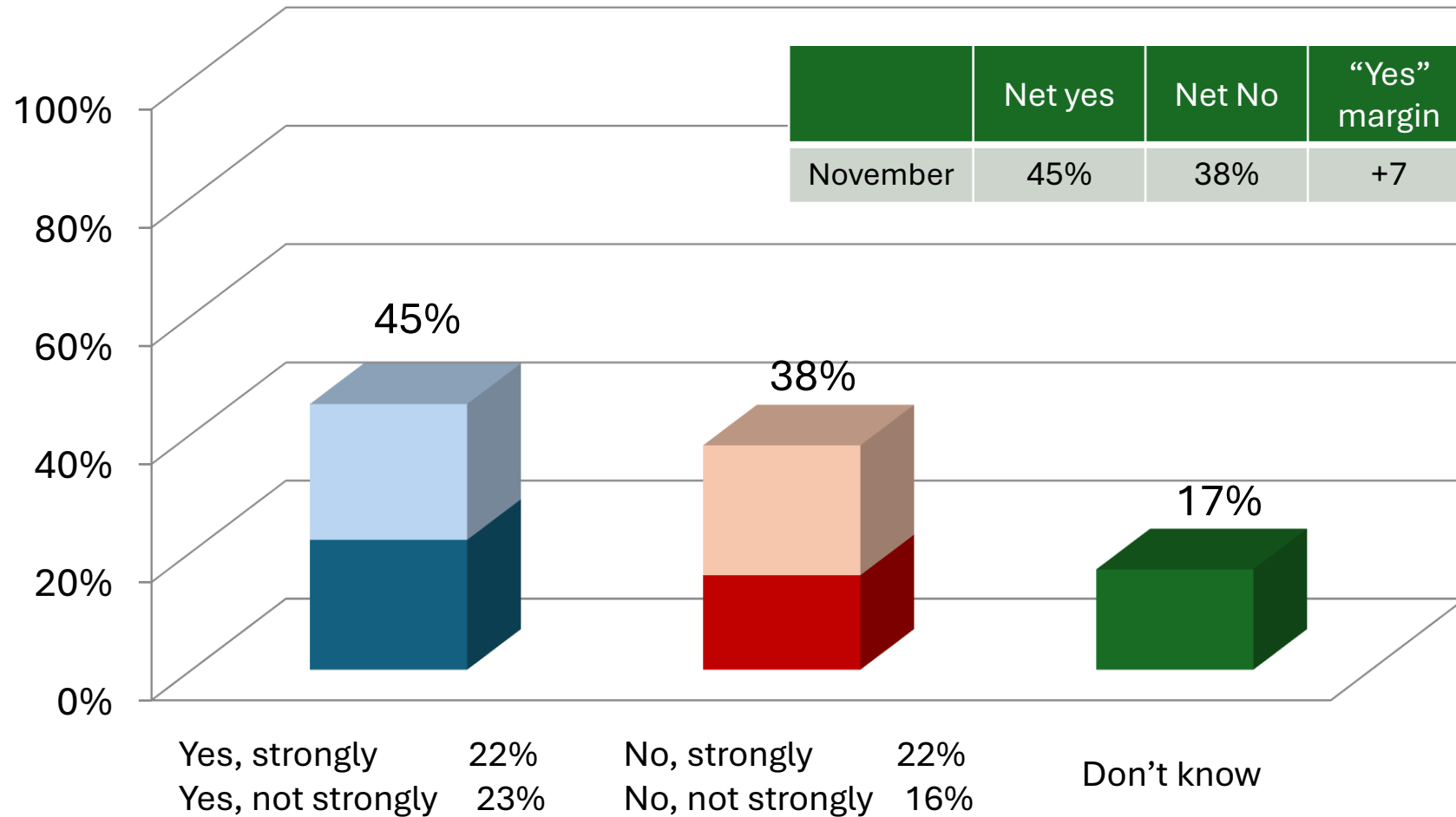
*Overall, how worried are you about crime in your community-are you very worried, somewhat worried, not too worried, or not worried at all?*

	Net worried	Don't know	Net not worried
“Yes” on bond	58%	42%	33%
“No” on bond	40%	48%	62%
Undecided	2%	11%	5%

# Bond language receives plurality support



Support and opposition are similar whether we target a May or November election.



*The City of Forest Grove may place a bond measure on the November 2026 ballot which may read:*

*“Bonds to construct police facility, improve public safety, emergency preparedness. Shall Forest Grove construct police facility to improve public safety, emergency preparedness, by issuing \$29 point five million dollars in bonds?”*

*Having heard this, if the election were held today, would you vote “yes” or “no” on this bond measure?*

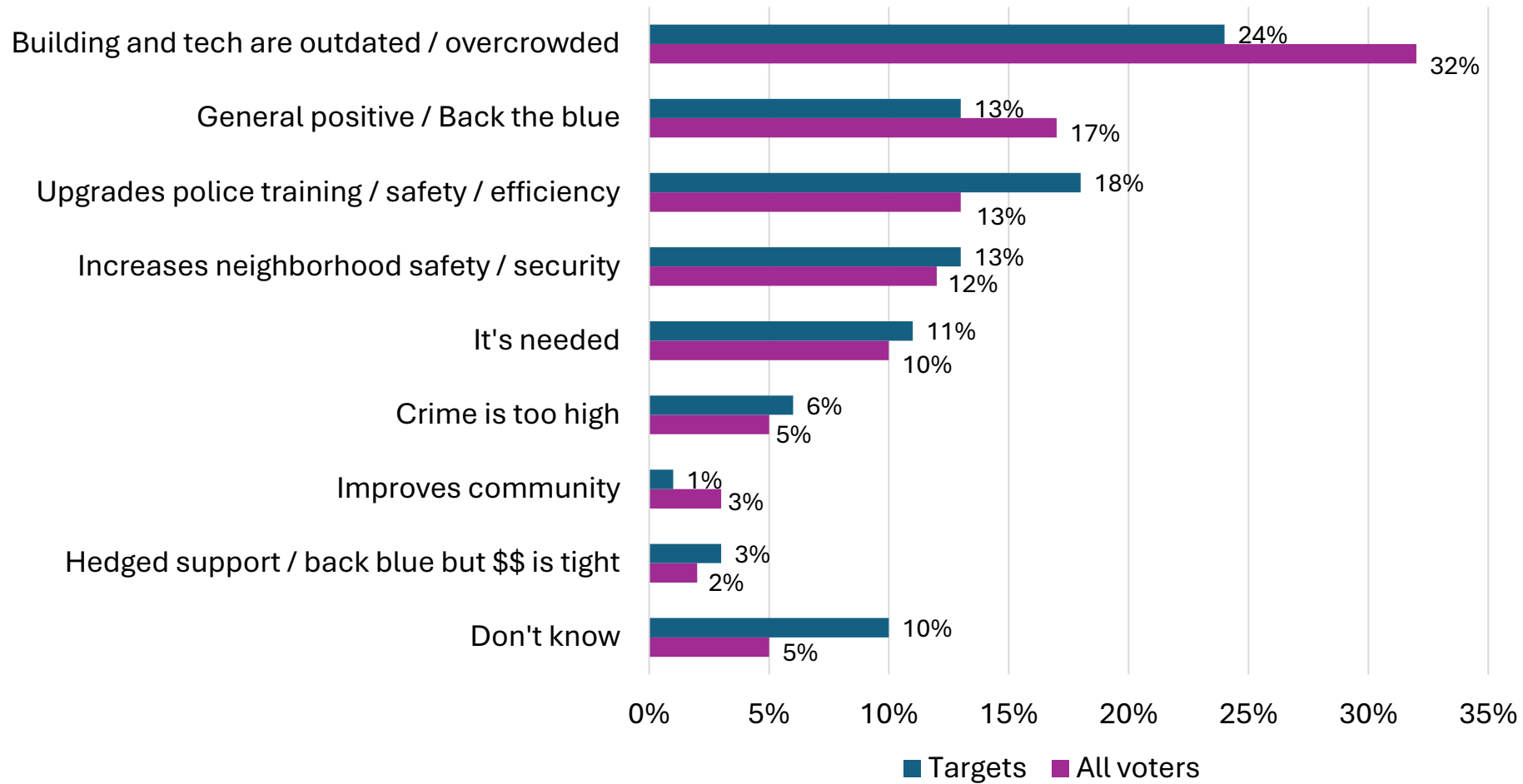
# There are distinct gaps in the electorate based on gender and partisanship in particular—Republicans provide our base at the outset



	Yes	No	Don't Know	Yes Margin
<b>Men</b>	41%	44%	16%	-3
<b>Women</b>	49%	34%	18%	+15
<b>Under age 50</b>	39%	40%	21%	-1
<b>Over age 50</b>	47%	38%	15%	+9
<b>Over age 70</b>	40%	42%	18%	-2
<b>West</b>	46%	40%	13%	+6
<b>East</b>	43%	35%	22%	+8
<b>Democrats</b>	37%	45%	17%	-8
<b>Non-affiliated voters (NAV)</b>	43%	35%	23%	+8
<b>Republicans</b>	57%	32%	12%	+25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>+7</b>

*Having heard this, if the election were held today, would you vote "yes" or "no" on this bond measure?*

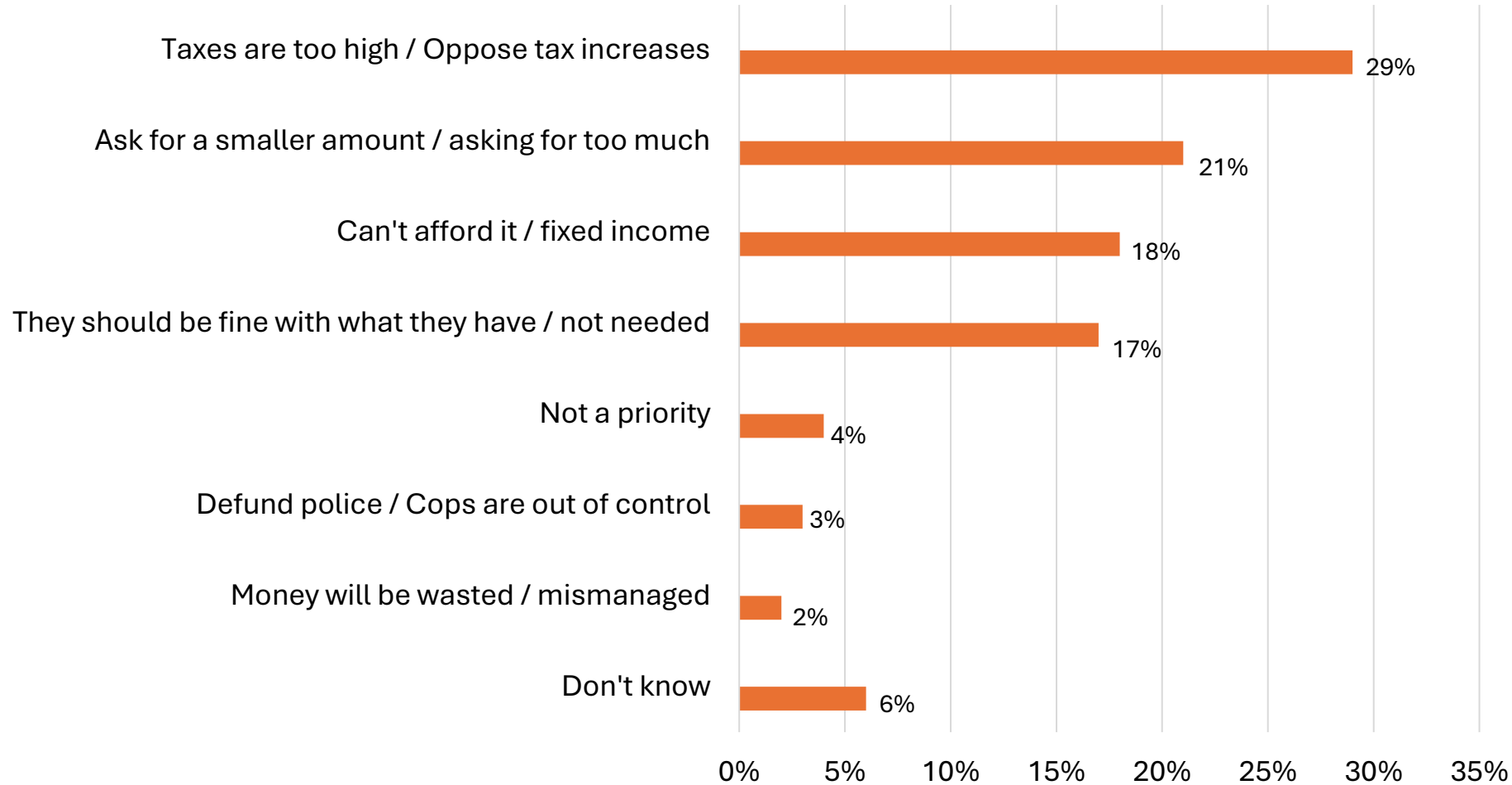
# Top reason to support the bond among targets and voters as a whole is the outdated, inadequate status of the current facility



*What makes you feel that way?*

Note: Open ended question asked only among voters who indicated they would vote “yes” on the bond. [n=180]

# Antipathy towards taxes generally, the size of the bond in particular, and pocketbook concerns drive opposition



*What makes you feel that way?*

Note: Open ended question asked only among voters who indicated they would vote “no” on the bond. [n=153]



# Message Strategy

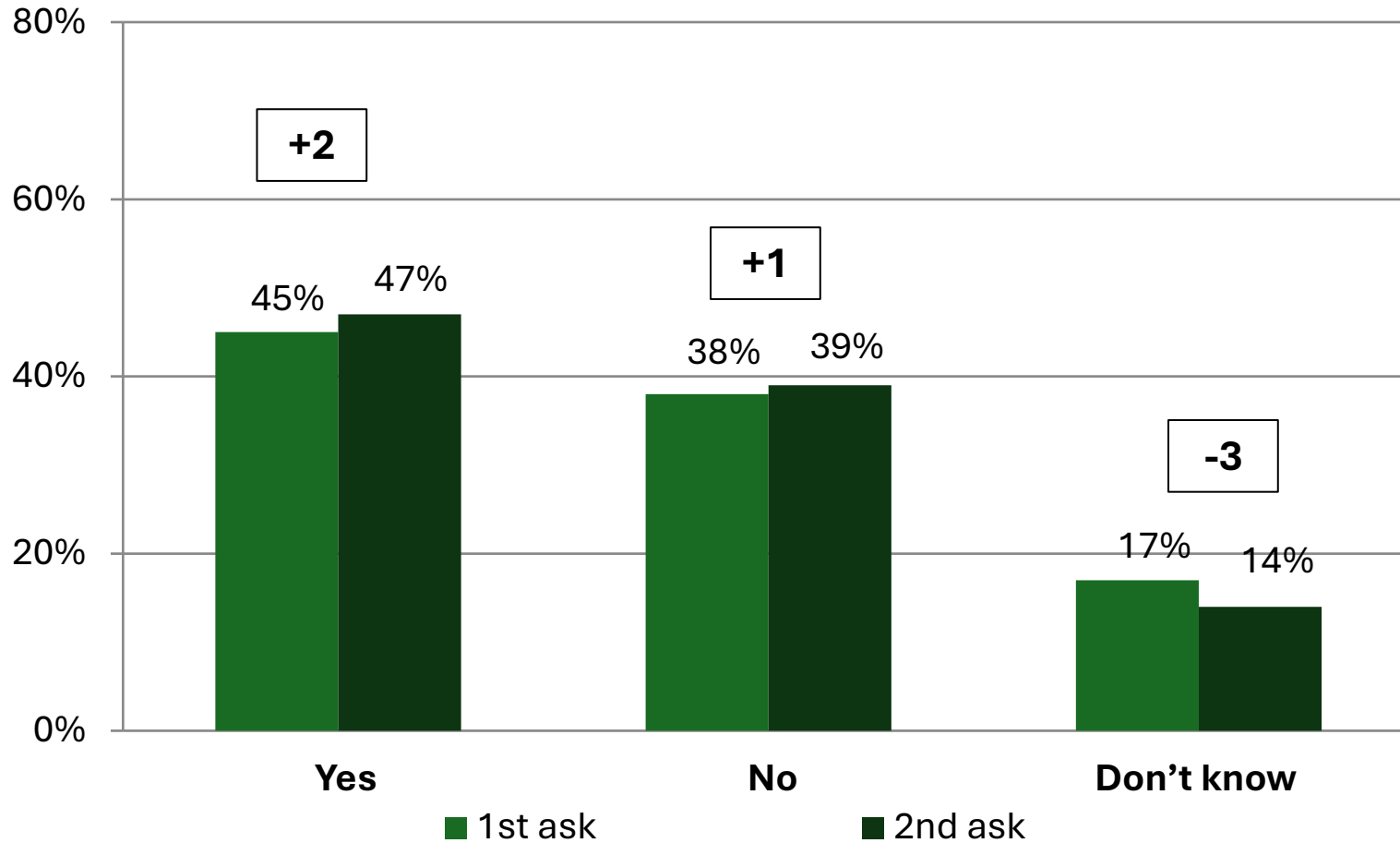


*Let me tell you a little more about the proposed bond that would allow the construction of a police station to improve public safety and emergency preparedness.*

*The bond is designed to replace the existing Forest Grove Police Station with an up-to-date public safety center. The existing police station was built in the 1970s, when both the police force and population of Forest Grove was about a third of the size that it is now. An updated public safety center would significantly enhance our police force's ability to maintain public safety by better securing the facility, adding safety features, improving evidence storage, adding interview rooms for crime victims and suspect interrogations that reflect best practices in policing, and by more safely securing police vehicles, equipment, and firearms. The bond would also allow the police station to be in compliance with modern seismic and A-D-A accessibility standards. The bond will cost the average homeowner an additional \$22 per month.*

*Having heard this, would you vote “yes” or “no on this proposed bond?”*

# No significant movement after voters learn what they're buying and the cost per month



*Having heard this, would you vote “yes” or “no on this proposed bond?”*

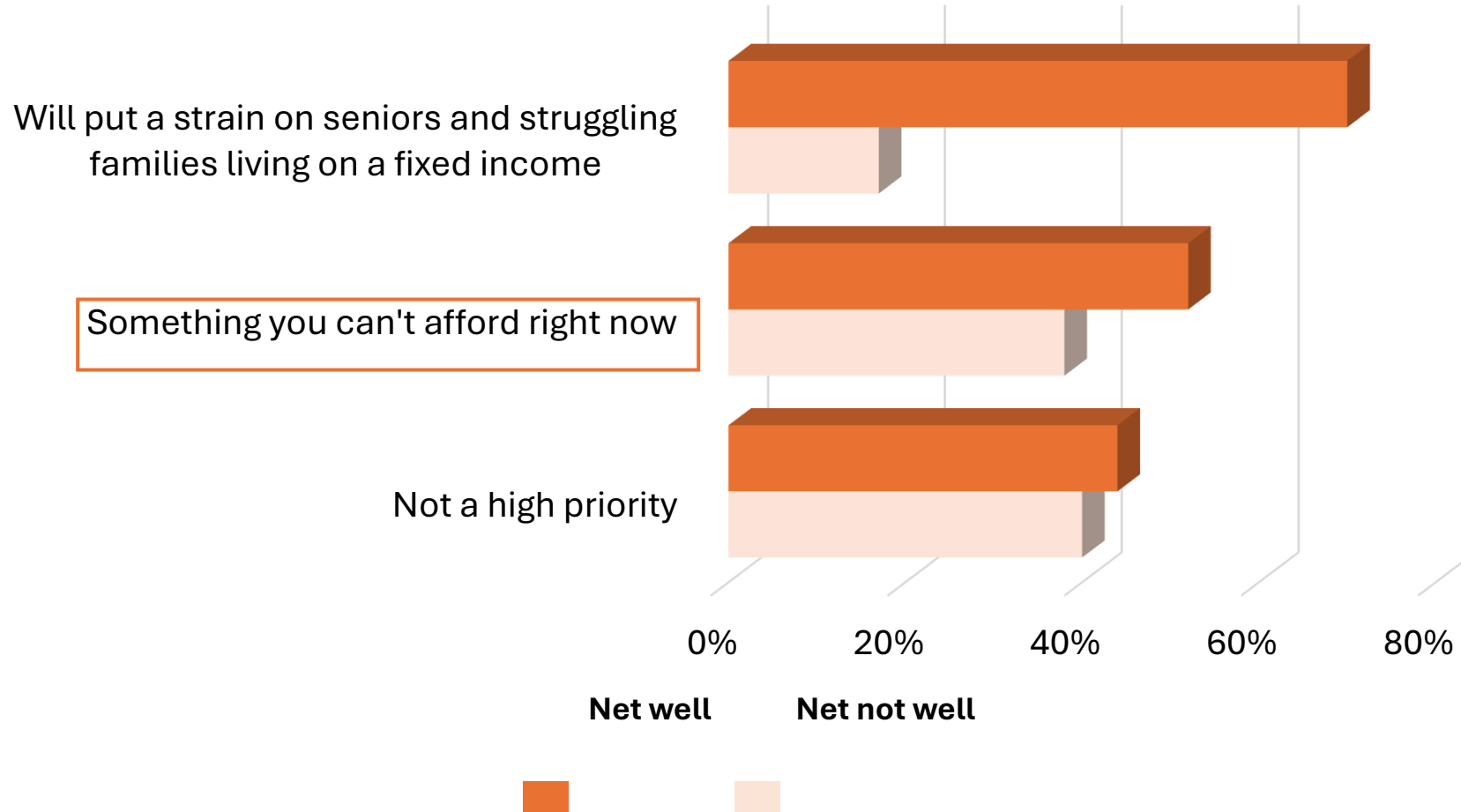
# Top tier bond projects highlight the importance of accountability, safety, and access when talking about the police station



Independent audits appear in regression modeling as a driver of support.

	Favor, strongly	Net Favor
<b>[ACCESS]</b> Ensures A-D-A accessibility - also known as the Americans with Disabilities Act - so that all residents, employees, and visitors can have equal access to the city's police station	41%	66%
<b>[ACCOUNTABILITY]</b> Allows the city to sell the old police facility and use the proceeds to pay down debt once construction is complete	40%	64%
<b>[SAFETY]</b> Ensures the separation of adult and juvenile offenders	34%	64%
<b>[SAFETY]</b> Updates fire protection and electrical systems, replaces aging and inefficient H-VAC systems, and addresses water intrusion issues	31%	64%
<b>[SAFETY]</b> Creates a secure dedicated armory for storage of firearms	31%	64%
<b>[ACCOUNTABILITY]</b> Includes built in accountability mechanisms such as independent auditing, citizen oversight, and would require that 100 percent of measure proceeds be spent on construction of a new police facility	29%	63%

# Voters are very worried about the impact the bond will have on struggling families and those on fixed incomes



*I'm going to read you a list of words and phrases that people use to describe bond measures. After each, please tell me whether you think it describes the bond measure to build a new police and public works facility in the City of Tigard, very well, pretty well, not too well, or not well at all. If you don't know how well a word or phrase describes this measure, please tell me that, too, and we will move on.*

**Note: Items backed in blue are drivers of opposition to the bond based on regression modeling.**

# The best performing messages stress accountability, accessibility, the efficiency for emergency responders, protecting juvenile offenders and safe storage



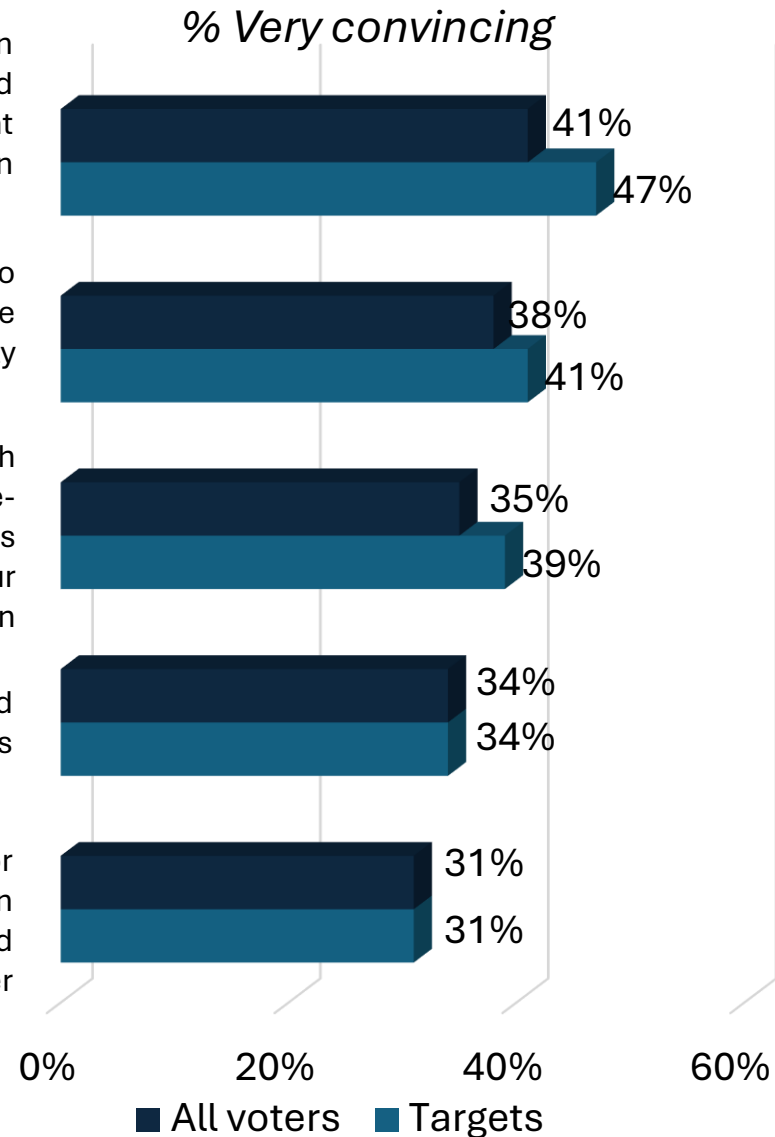
**[ACCOUNTABILITY]** This proposal was structured with the cost to taxpayers in mind. The city and a team of volunteers spent years working together worked together to identify a project that meets the needs of the city police department while staying within an affordable price. This includes selling the old police station once construction is complete and using the proceeds to pay down the city’s debt

**[ACCESSIBILITY]** Because our city facilities were built many decades ago, they do not meet existing accessibility requirements for disabled residents. This measure ensures all residents, employees, and visitors can have equal access to city facilities—regardless of their age or physical abilities

**[PARKING]** The current city police station does not have adequate parking for both police vehicles and equipment. This means that police vehicles are often double-parked, making it more difficult to respond quickly in the case of an emergency. This measure will help protect public property, maintain a safe, secure perimeter for our law enforcement officers, and allow the police to respond more efficiently when they’re needed

**[JUVENILES]** The current Forest Grove police station is so small and overcrowded that adults charged with serious crimes are being held in the same space as juvenile curfew violators waiting for their parents to pick them up

**[STORAGE]** Due to a lack of space, police firearms, ammunition, and evidence for criminal investigations are stored in locker rooms, basements, and even in temporary buildings in the parking lot. Not only is this not standard procedure and unsafe, it can also lead to negative impacts on evidence due to risk of water exposure and lack of a temperature-controlled climate



## Net “Convincing” All Voters Targets

67% 85%

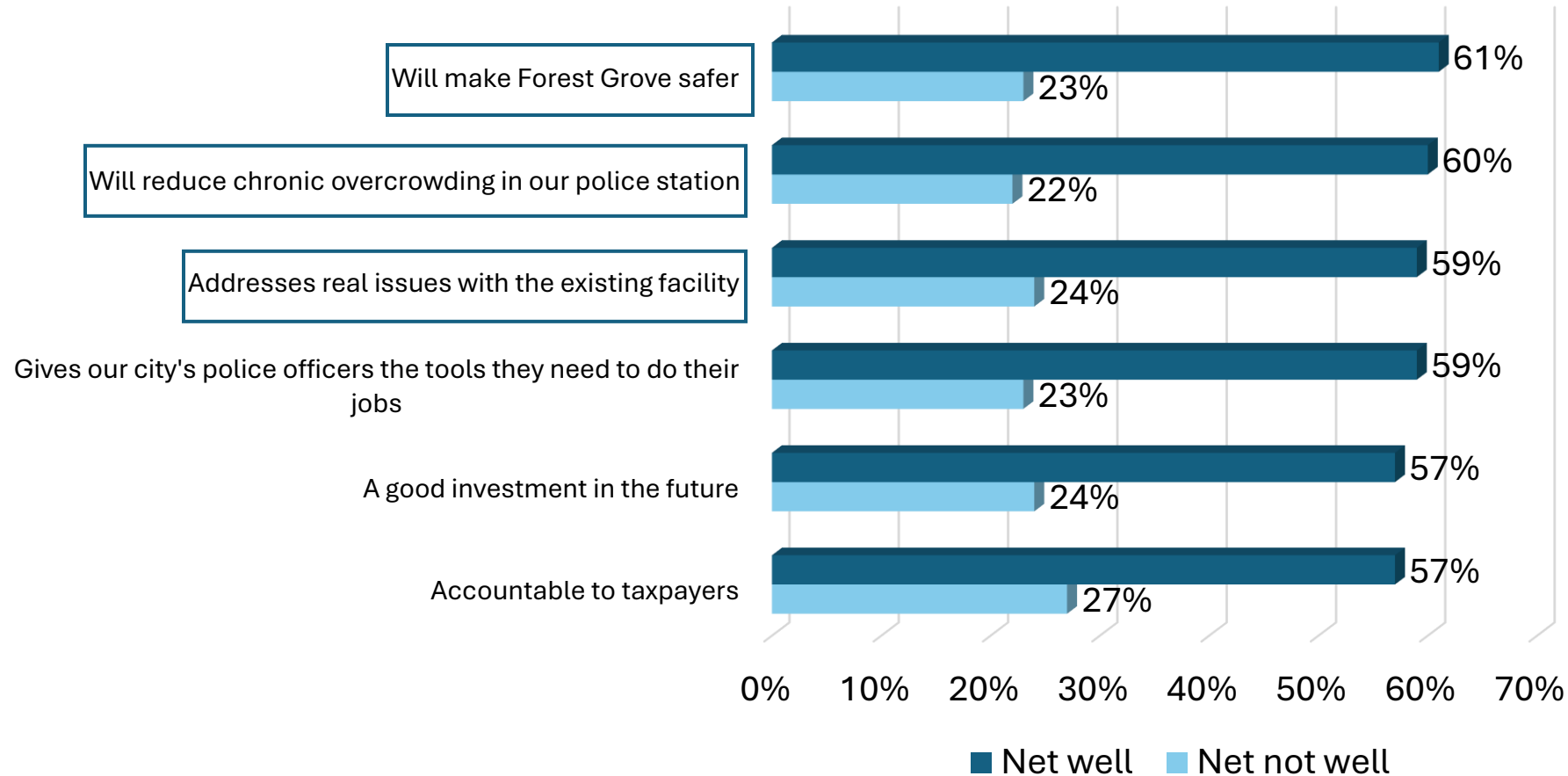
68% 88%

64% 90%

67% 87%

65% 79%

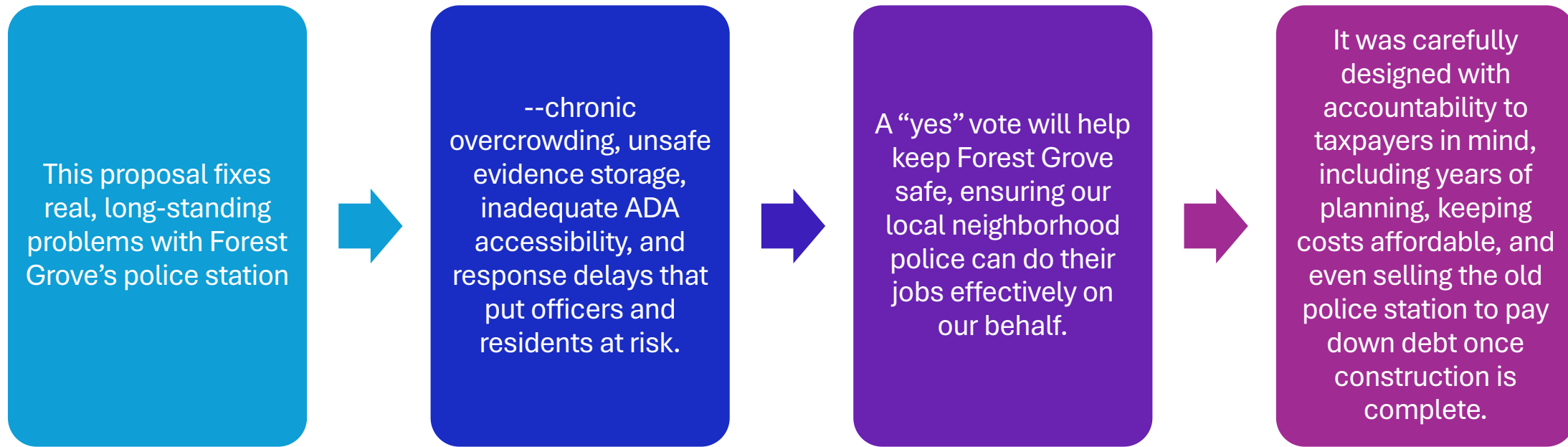
After messaging, stickiest trait characteristics for the bond focus on making Forest Grove safer by addressing real issues like reducing chronic overcrowding in the station



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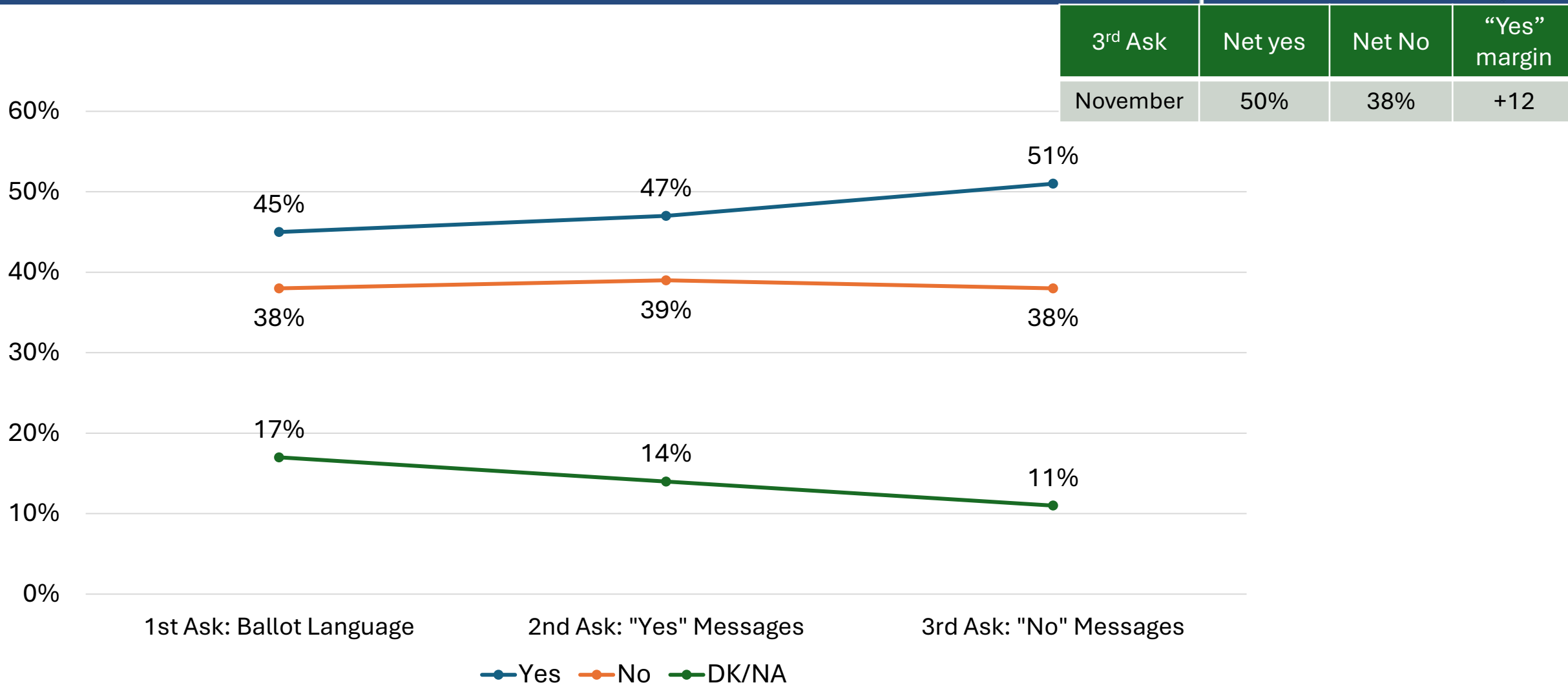
**NOTE: traits boxed in BLUE driver support for the bond based on regression modeling**

# Hypothetical message frame based on top performing messages and bond items:



*Note: this frame was arrived at through a combination of top tier messaging and regression analysis.*

# After voters learn more about the bond, support increases to just above a majority



Sometimes over the course of a survey people change their minds. Let me ask you again: the City of Forest Grove may place a bond measure on the November 2026 ballot which may read: "Bonds to construct police facility, improve public safety, emergency preparedness. Shall Forest Grove construct police facility to improve public safety, emergency preparedness, by issuing \$29 point five million dollars in bonds?" Having heard this, if the election were held today, would you vote "yes" or "no" on this bond measure?



# Questions? Please reach out!

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# BALLOT TIMELINES

<b>2026 Election Timelines</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>NOV</b>
Polling	Jan 26	Jan 26
Resolution approving ballot title, question and summary	Feb 9	Jul 13
Last day for ballot title	Feb 27	Aug 14
SEL 802 Notice of Measure / Explanatory Statement	Mar 19	Sept 3
Last day to file arguments	Mar 23	Sept 7
Ballots mailed	Apr 3	Oct 14
<b>Election Day</b>	<b>May 19</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>

# CITY OPERATIONAL LEVY

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## City Levy expires June 2028

- Normally ballot May 2027, three elections prior to expiration
- There are two elections prior to the Levy
  - May 2026
  - November 2026
- A consideration is what impacts, if any, would the bond measure have on the operating levy

# BALLOT CONSIDERATIONS: MAY 2026

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- Primaries:
  - County Commissioners
  - Governor, State Senate and House
  - U.S. Senate and House Election
- No anticipated revenue measures
- One year since police facility ballot
- One year from City operating levy
- Older electorate / lower voter turnout
- Less opportunity to campaign / educate

# BALLOT CONSIDERATIONS: NOV 2026

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- General Election:
  - Mayor / City Councilors
  - County Commissioners (unless 50% in primary)
  - Governor, State Senate and House
  - U.S. Senate and House Election
- Potential tax repeal measure on ballot if HB 3991 not repealed
- 1.5 years since police facility ballot
- 6 months from City operating levy
- Younger electorate / higher voter turnout
- More opportunity to campaign / message, e.g., political action committee, farmers market, speaking events, facility tours

# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION