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## CITY of BEAVERTON

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### **BEAVERTON STUDENTS INVITED TO ENTER IF I WERE MAYOR CONTEST**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** – Beaverton students in fourth through twelfth grades are invited to enter the “If I Were Mayor, I Would...” contest, sponsored by the City of Beaverton and the Oregon Mayors Association. Students are encouraged to create original work about how they would lead the city and plan for the future.

Winners will be chosen from three categories in these media:

- Elementary school (grades 4 and 5): Poster
- Middle school (grades 6 to 8): Essay
- High school (grades 9 to 12): Digital media presentation

Local winners will receive a \$50 Visa gift card and go on to the statewide competition for a chance to win an iPad Air 2 tablet. The statewide winner will be announced at the annual Oregon Mayors Association conference in Lincoln City in July.

Mayor Denny Doyle and the Beaverton City Council will judge the local entries based on creativity, clarity and sincerity of thought, proper grammar, and subject relevancy. Beaverton winners will present their entries at the April 19 city council meeting.

Entries are due Friday, March 25 at 4 p.m., and may be submitted in person or by mail. For complete contest rules and the required application form, visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/IfIWereMayor](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/IfIWereMayor).

#### **ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city’s award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors’ Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the

