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CITY OF BEAVERTON INVITES RESIDENTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY NEIGHBORHOOD FORUMS

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The City of Beaverton invites residents to a choice of three community forums to learn about public safety in our neighborhoods and receive information on Public Safety Center Bond Measure 34-250. The bond measure would provide a new police and emergency management building that is earthquake resilient and will fix existing security, technology and privacy concerns that currently impact police and emergency operations.

The forums will include informational booths staffed by police, the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers and victim advocates to provide resources to participants. A presentation on the bond measure will be provided, as well as a panel discussion with elected officials and community members. In addition, attendees will receive free emergency preparedness supplies, find out about safety statistics in your neighborhood, and meet your neighborhood police officers and the city's new police chief.

"I'm looking forward to meeting residents and answering any questions they may have about public safety in our city and the public safety center bond measure," said Interim Police Chief Jim Monger.

The neighborhood forums will occur:

- Thursday, Sept. 29 at Sexton Mountain Elementary School, 15645 SW Sexton Mountain Drive
- Monday, Oct. 3 at the Beaverton Community Center, 12350 SW Fifth Street
- Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Beaverton Activities Center, 12500 SW Allen Boulevard

All forums are from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The bond measure presentation and panel discussion will begin at 7 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend the forum that is most convenient. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. The forums are hosted by the city's Neighborhood Association Committees (NACs).

"Learn how public safety is done in Beaverton today and what it will look like in the future," said Sexton Mountain NAC Chair Rhonda Reister. "We hope you can join us!"

ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER

Beaverton's public safety center will be built on city-owned property at the corner of SW Hall Blvd and SW Allen Blvd. While the existing building has served Beaverton for decades, it wasn't built with police and emergency services in mind. The building will not withstand a major earthquake, is

located in a flood zone, and it is office space that doesn't safely separate the public, minors and victims from criminal offenders.

The bond measure will be on the November general election ballot. The measure will not increase residents' bond tax rate because it replaces the Beaverton City Library construction bonds. The rate is about 20 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Property owners would continue to pay about \$4.20 per month for property with an assessed value of \$250,000. The center will cost \$35 million.

For more information on the forums, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Neighborhood. To learn more about the public safety center and Bond Measure 34-250, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/PublicSafetyCenter.

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