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CITIZENS TO HELP SET SUSTAINABILITY BOARD DIRECTION

LAKE OSWEGO – Residents will have a chance at a November 15th Open House to let the City know what they think a proposed Sustainability Board should do. The City of Lake Oswego will host a Community Open House on a proposed Sustainability Advisory Board. The Lake Oswego City Council is considering creation of the board to advise the City on sustainability matters and promote sustainable practices in the wider community.

The Open House is intended to solicit citizen input on the goals and format for the Board. All Lake Oswego residents are invited to attend the event to learn about community sustainability and the efforts of other cities, and to share their ideas on how a Sustainability Advisory Board could be most effective in Lake Oswego.

Sustainability Planner Susan Millhauser, who has been working on the City's own Sustainability Plan for City operations, said, "Other cities have already demonstrated the value of citizen leadership in building sustainable communities. With the tremendously resourceful citizens of Lake Oswego, I think we have the ability to develop a truly effective and innovative team."

Craig Diamond, a Lake Oswego resident and member of the City's volunteer Natural Resources Advisory Board, has been an advocate for the Board. Professionally, Diamond is the Director of Strategy and Operation for the Portland-based Climate Trust. Diamond said, "I've already heard from many citizens who are committed to a more sustainable city and are interested in serving on a group like this."

The Open House is co-hosted by the City's Natural Resources Advisory Board and the City Manager's Office. It will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 380 A Ave., Lake Oswego.

Input received will be shared with the City Council at its November 20th meeting when it will discuss the Sustainability Board and will also consider adopting a Sustainability Plan for City operations.

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