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## **Oregon Mayors Association Announces Plan to Address Statewide Homelessness**

SALEM, Ore. – An Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) task force submitted a letter today to Oregon’s three gubernatorial candidates and the Legislature, outlining its plan to successfully address the current statewide homelessness crisis.

The plan calls for a partnership between the state and Oregon’s 241 incorporated cities to provide comprehensive funding for local homelessness response and prevention programs. This would require direct allocations to each incorporated city in Oregon, totaling \$123,575,800 annually. In addition to direct, annual allocations, coordinated capital construction investments for specific shelter and transitional housing projects statewide would also be required.

The task force, consisting of 25 mayors from across the state, was created in May to develop a response to homelessness that would help all communities statewide, regardless of size or location, to address the issue. The following mayors comprise the task force:

Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove; OMA President	Teri Lenahan, North Plains; OMA President-Elect
Julie Akins, Ashland	Lacy Beaty, Beaverton
Gena Goodman-Campbell, Bend	Meadow Martell, Cave Junction
Beth Wytoski, Dayton	Jim Trett, Detroit
Lucy Vinis, Eugene	Carol MacInnes, Fossil
Travis Stovall, Gresham	Dave Drotzmann, Hermiston
Steve Callaway, Hillsboro	Kate McBride, Hood River
Carol Westfall, Klamath Falls	Ray Turner, Lakeview
Randy Sparacino, Medford	Jessica Engelke, North Bend
Ted Wheeler, Portland	Michael Preedin, Sisters
Richard Mays, The Dalles	Jason Snider, Tigard
Rod Cross, Toledo	Tom Vialpando, Vale
Henry Balensifer III, Warrenton	

### **About the Oregon Mayors Association**

The purpose of the OMA is to increase the knowledge and skills of Oregon mayors and make a strong, collective effort to influence state programs and legislation. OMA is an affiliate organization of the League of Oregon Cities.