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***Encouraging and Promoting Positive Economic Growth***

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Mayor Dan Holladay and Oregon City Commission  
625 Center Street  
Oregon City, Oregon 97045

Re: Letter of Support for Community Safety Advancement Fund (C-SAF)

Mayor Holladay,

The Oregon City Business Alliance represents a broad range of citizens in our local community with our mission to encourage, promote, and support positive economic growth. It is for that reason that we support the C-SAF which in turn will fund a new public safety facility. The public safety facility will hold the Oregon City Municipal Court, Code Enforcement, a large public meeting space, a modern and efficient Emergency Operations Center and a safe, accessible Police Department. The C-SAF concept appears to not only be a fair approach since all residents and not just property owners will pay the fee for public safety services.

In evaluating the possible C-SAF options, we agree with Police Chief Band's insights that it is probably not fair to base the new C-SAF on volume of service to a particular location but rather to simply use a flat fee for all citizens. The reason for this lies in the fact that simple shoplifting calls in stores can be numerous but may not compare with the amount of time an investigation of a violent crime might take. Subsequently, it would not be right to charge a company 5-10 times the rate of other utility payers based upon this type of example.

In addition OCBA supports the location of the new public safety facility since it makes good economic sense for our taxpayers. The existing police facility cannot be expanded, due to physical constraints, and the Mt Pleasant school site is presently not generating any property tax revenue. By building the new public safety facility on the Mt. Pleasant site, the current police department site can be sold and subsequently put back on the tax rolls. This will provide new revenue to the city that can be used to help cover other city expenses.

We encourage each of you to vote YES and endorse the proposed fee that the O.C. Police Department is seeking.

Sincerely,  
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