

# Oregon Community Development Forum

## Agreement to Work Together

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The Community Development Forum (Forum), first established in 1998, provides a venue for open dialogue among key stakeholders representing local, regional, and statewide interests in the community development arena. The Forum is comprised of representatives from the Governor's Office, the Association of Oregon Counties, the League of Oregon Cities, the Oregon Public Ports Association, the Special District's Association of Oregon, Metro Council, and the Directors of the Economic Revitalization Team (ERT) agencies.

### Statement of Purpose

The Community Development Forum recognizes that its members can accomplish more for Oregonians through collaborative efforts than by working on issues of mutual interest either on an individual or adversarial basis. The Forum promotes information exchange among its members and coalition building to accomplish shared community development goals.

### Mission

The mission of the Community Development Forum is to:

- **Identify, discuss, and resolve relevant, statewide community development issues.**
- **Develop and advocate for a shared community development agenda.**
- **Advocate for state and local governments to reorient programs and services to foster a collaborative problem solving culture in order to address local community development issues.**

**Membership:**

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) agree to appoint joint chairs to head the Forum. The Forum's membership includes the following standing members:


- A Governor's office staff member.
- The Directors of the ERT agencies which include: Economic & Community Development, Environmental Quality, Housing & Community Services, Land Conservation & Development, Transportation, State Lands, Agriculture, Consumer & Business Services, Energy, and Water Resources.
- A staff member from each the Association of Oregon Counties, the League of Oregon Cities, Oregon Public Ports Association, and Special Districts Association of Oregon.
- Up to five local government representatives from the Association of Oregon Counties.
- Up to five local government representatives from the League of Oregon Cities.
- Up to two special district representatives from the Special Districts Association of Oregon.
- Up to two representatives from the Oregon Public Ports Association.
- One representative from the Metro Council.

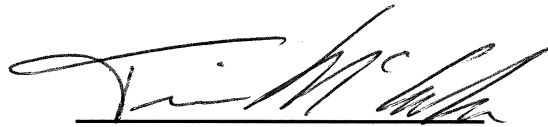
The Forum may invite or include additional members in the future, including members of the Oregon Legislature.

The Forum will establish its meeting schedule based upon its current agenda and the needs of its members but strives to meet on a regular, on-going basis.


Upon direction from the Forum co-chairs, the Forum may establish ad-hoc subcommittees to address specific topics and develop reports for the full membership.


In summary, the following representatives and organizations agree to work together to further the mission of the Community Development Forum:


  
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Governor, State of Oregon

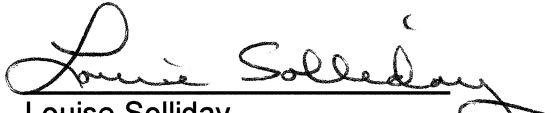
  
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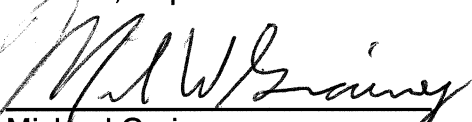
  
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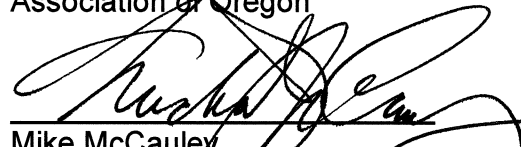
  
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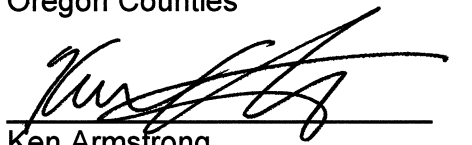
  
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