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## **LABOR COMMISSIONER AVAKIAN TO ADDRESS BEAVERTON HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

***- Labor Commissioner Will Take Questions from Advisory Committee, Public -***

**BEAVERTON, Oregon (January 27, 2010)** – On Tuesday, February 2, 2010, Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian will address the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Committee (HRAC) at 8 p.m. at Beaverton City Hall. The event is free and open to the public, offering a great opportunity to learn in one setting about the work of both HRAC and the Bureau of Labor and Industries' Civil Rights Division to defend human rights and advance opportunity for all Oregonians. Commissioner Avakian will emphasize the role of community leaders in advancing civil rights and talk about how communities can combat discrimination and promote harmony within their boundaries.

Details for the event are as follows:

**WHO:** Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian, the Beaverton HRAC, members of the public  
**WHAT:** Discussion of civil and human rights in Oregon, and how Beaverton can be a leader in defending human rights  
**WHEN:** 8:00 PM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
**WHERE:** 1st Floor Conference Room, Beaverton City Hall  
4755 SW Griffith Dr, Beaverton 97005

Commissioner Avakian will speak and be open to questions from the public from 8:00 to 8:30 p.m., then will participate in a work session with the Human Rights Commission from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., during which time the public is invited to stay and listen only.

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**The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)**

BOLI defends the rights of workers and citizens to equal, nondiscriminatory treatment in workplaces, housing and public accommodations and encourages and enforces compliance with state laws relating to wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment. The bureau also partners with business and labor organizations to build a skilled workforce in Oregon and trains employers to understand and comply with civil rights and other labor and employment laws.

For more information about BOLI, visit our website [www.oregon.gov/boli](http://www.oregon.gov/boli).

**About the BHRAC**

The nine member Human Rights Advisory Commission was created by ordinance to the Beaverton City Code on April 12, 1993, with the general purpose of the commission to help the citizens and government in the City of Beaverton to achieve the goal of embracing and celebrating diversity, eliminating bigotry, and enhancing a sense of community. Learn more about the commission by visiting our website at: <http://www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/HR/HumanRights/aboutHRAC>

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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