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## **BEAVERTON COMMUNITY VISION HONORED AS PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLANNING PROJECT OF THE YEAR**

**- City Recognized for Achievement in Citizen Involvement -**

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** — The Beaverton Community Vision project was honored as the “Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project” by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton was selected among regional entries throughout Oregon and Washington.

“This honor is quite a treat for Beaverton and for our many terrific volunteers who have been so dedicated,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “It confirms that we are on the right track. We are an open and welcoming community that makes it easy for people to have their voice heard.”

An example of the comments Beaverton received from the judging panel included, “A solid undertaking—hard to find any fault with their process at all. Engaging 5,000 people in a city the size of Beaverton is an accomplishment.”

“This award is particularly special, because it is awarded by an organization devoted to promoting public involvement and celebrating best practices,” said Holly Thompson, program manager responsible for the Beaverton Community Vision project. “To be recognized as innovative and unique among your peers is very meaningful.”

Many community organizations have stepped up to endorse the plan and adopt community actions. A complete list of the more than 60 organizations can be found on the project web page at [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Visioning](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Visioning). The organizations are made up of partners from the private sector, public sector and non-profit organizations. The Beaverton Community Vision project recently released a video which can also be found on the website.

### **ABOUT THE BEAVERTON COMMUNITY VISION**

Beaverton Community Vision is the product of the most extensive public engagement process ever undertaken in Beaverton, Oregon. It transformed how citizens engage with City Hall and expanded opportunities for people to interact with one another. More than 5,000 citizens shared their aspirations for the future (in six languages) through events, surveys, forums and other venues. Today, more than 100 community priorities comprise the plan, which 60 community organizations are helping to implement.

**ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (IAP2)**

IAP2 helps organizations and communities around the world improve their decisions by involving people who are affected by those decisions. The IAP2 has developed an internationally recognized set of core values for public participation. The core values serve as a guiding force for best practices in community decision-making. More information about IAP2 can be found at <http://iap2.affiniscape.com/index.cfm>.

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "**Smarter City**" **energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist, one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Most recently, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit [www.beavertonoregon.gov](http://www.beavertonoregon.gov).

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