



Request to Address the City Council (Speaker's Card)

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Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss: Lane County Climate Action Plan Survey

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To: Mayor Joe Henry and Florence City Councilors

Subject: Lane County Climate Action Plan Survey

Date: September 21, 2020

Mark Nystrom, the Lane County Climate Strategist, asked me to get the word out in our area about a survey for the Lane County Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Lane County is creating the Climate Action Plan to better understand how the county, cities and residents can help prepare for and address climate change. They are at the beginning of this process and need your help! They wish everyone to take a **5-minute survey** to share how they want to participate in this process and what their priorities are for this plan. The survey will be available until September 30, 2020.

This is a scoping exercise. Once Lane County staff analyzes the data from the survey they will conduct a much more comprehensive outreach and engagement program about the specific actions residents want to see in the plan.

I believe The City of Florence and its residents will be the key to giving information that represents how the coast addresses climate change. That's why I'm coming to the City Council. I believe you are in a unique position to help.

First, please everyone on the council take the survey. Second, encourage city staff to take the survey.

Third, and most important, direct EMAC and city staff to develop a process to educate and encourage the residents and businesses of Florence to participate in future outreach efforts by Lane County regarding the Climate Action Plan.

Finally, I urge you to become partners with Lane County as they develop the next two phases of the Climate Action Plan. To this end please invite Mark Nystrom, the Lane County Climate Strategist, to come to Florence to orient the city on how they may play a role in this most important initiative.

Link to survey: www.lanecounty.org/climateplan.

For more information please contact Mark Nystrom at 541-968-9961 or climatestrategist@lanecountyor.gov

Respectively,

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Press Release

Lane County seeks community input on developing Climate Action Plan

Online survey open until September 30 for public to share ideas on priorities and planning process

Lane County is creating a Climate Action Plan to better understand how the County and its residents can help prepare for and address climate change. The County seeks community input to help with this planning.

Lane County began a three-phase approach to developing a Climate Action Plan in 2019 by conducting an internal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and developing internal operations Climate Action Plan. The County is now beginning the second phase of this work – conducting a county-wide greenhouse gas inventory and developing a countywide plan that will outline goals and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The third phase of the project will develop a resiliency plan that will identify strategies that can mitigate the impacts of climate change on Lane County

“We would like to hear from our community members as we start the second phase,” said Lane County Analyst Mark Nystrom. “How do they want to participate? What are their priorities and ideas? We can’t create a successful plan unless our residents help us build it and ensure that it reflects the priorities of our community.”

Community members can share their input through an online survey until September 30. The survey is available at www.lanecounty.org/climateplan.

In the coming months, there will be further opportunities for community members to share their ideas about the plan. This will include the opportunity to suggest and discuss specific actions the County might include.

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Brief Overview of What You Wish to Discuss

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We are writing to express our appreciation and respect for Police Chief Tom Turner in his response to the changing needs of our community.

Specifically, Chief Turner has taken this time to upgrade the implementation of body cams with the Florence Police Dept to make our department transparent and responsive to the citizens. These cams will work better, relay data to supervisors, and have data stored permanently in a secure cloud designed for law enforcement.

As area citizens, we also want to recognize the Chief for the implementation of the new Mobile Crisis Response Team and encourage the City Council to fund this program fully. Chief Turner has also improved the quality of selection of police officers who are consistently respectful and trained in de-escalation strategies and the use of non-lethal restraining tactics.

This should not be surprising in ours, or any police department. It gives citizens confidence that they're going to be treated fairly in accordance with the Constitution and who we are as Americans. It reflects our core values of innocent until proven guilty and equal justice under the law.

Thank You Chief Turner for your willingness to be open-minded and embrace these new ideas and incorporate them to make the Florence PD more effective and responsive to the changing needs of Florence.

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Giving credit where credit is truly due

(Editor's Note: Viewpoint submissions on this and other topics are always welcome as part of our goal to encourage community discussion and exchange of perspectives.)

I want to thank Sandy and Scott Todd, and all the co-signers, for the Guest Viewpoint on Sept. 2 ("Recent Florence PD Decisions Reflect Good Core Values").

As much as I appreciate being given the credit for these accomplishments, the credit needs to go to the most deserving people. The Body-Worn Camera program was generated from Commander John Pitcher, who often caretakes our police department in a manner only a 30-year veteran of our organization can muster.

Our in-car video systems were at the end-of-life and we needed a replacement. With the help of the vendor, John was able to find an excellent replacement in the body-worn camera system, which will serve our

community and our department much more extensively than the in-car video systems were ever able to do.

Secondly, the Mobile Crisis Response team (MCR) was put together by a team of local stakeholders and a huge effort from the team coordinator Lori Severance.

GUEST VIEWPOINT By Tom Turner Chief of Police, Florence PD

Lane County Public Health, and its director Karen Gaffney, wanted to provide Western Lane County resources through the Oregon Health Authority to create a crisis response program for our area.

With the help of our stakeholders, Cathy Smith, the county facilitator for the project, and Lori Severance, from Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, who ran with the project (with

the wholehearted approval of Fire Chief Michael Schick), the City of Florence and our police department simply provided a safe environment to mechanize the program.

This program has been very successful and provides that essential service to the people in need. Now this program is being duplicated in other communities with Lori's guidance and expertise.

Lastly, the selection of our police officers and their training is a group effort by the City of Florence Human Resources, the Police Department administration and the police and civilian trainers maintaining the best practices in our chosen field.

I feel incredibly fortunate to be the police chief for the Florence Police Department and to be surrounded with the talented and caring people in our public safety organizations that keep us focused on the future.

I also want to thank our supportive community for assisting us in our mission.

LETTERS

SUICIDE SHOULD BE OPEN DISCUSSION ON ALL ASPECTS

The editorial in the Sept. 9 edition of the *Siuslaw News* ("First Step In Preventing Suicide? Ending The Silence") is a valuable contribution wherein Ned Hickson promotes discussion of the issue of suicide openly.

It brings to mind the days when I was a youngster and cancer was only spoken of as the "Deadly C."

too much power is centered in the mayor's ability to choose committee members.

A more democratic city council structure would be to elect five council members and have the mayoral role rotate every two years with power to choose committee members. I previously lived in a community with that council structure and it worked very well in guaranteeing that all communi-

Ned Hickson's editorial ("First Step In Preventing Suicide? Ending The Silence"). I had just gotten back into town from my first-annual "I'm Not Dead Yet" tour.

After suffering many diseases over the past decade including Parkinson's, I have always advocated and lobbied to make Oregon's end-of-life choices more compassionate. I have consulted and testified in front of the state senate for nu-

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