

Notice is given that the following explanatory statement was filed with the City Recorder of the City of Gresham on August 17, 2016.

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**CAPTION: CITY OF GRESHAM COMMUNITY CENTER,  
RECREATION, SWIMMING/AQUATIC FACILITIES BONDS**

**VOTERS PAMPHLET EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:**

The City of Gresham has placed Community Center, Recreation and Swimming/Aquatic Facilities on the ballot for voter consideration.

The Community Center, Recreation and Swimming/Aquatic Facilities would be home to a range of amenities, expected to include a six lane, 25 yard lap swimming pool, swimming lessons, aquatic exercise courses, and leisure/recreational pool for children and families with water park features and a large curvy waterslide. Additionally, the amenities are expected to include a senior center that provides activities and programming for Gresham's older adult residents, classroom meeting space for community education courses and children's programming, event and conference space, a gymnasium for basketball and other indoor sports, a children's drop-in center for preschool programming and children's activity classes, work-out and exercise equipment and facilities for fitness, aerobics, dance, and exercise courses. Additional planned amenities include a commercial kitchen for catering, cooking courses, or community use, a venue for birthday parties, retirement ceremonies, and family celebrations, a large indoor rock climbing wall, and an indoor running track.

Gresham does not currently have public facilities of this type, and heard the concept emerge as a recommendation during the multi-year Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) community engagement and visioning process, in which it was ranked the top priority, and the 2016 Gresham Citizen Commission on Children and Families Final Report, which cited a community center as a recommendation.

Community facilities like this are one way local government agencies or districts provide recreational and fitness opportunities and community meeting space for their residents. Facilities like what is being proposed in Gresham can be found in communities across the Portland region, with five full service centers in the City of Portland including the Southwest and East Portland Community Centers, at least four community centers as part of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and community centers in or planned for Salem, Sherwood, Tigard, Clackamas and Wilsonville.

**Public Input:**

- Multi-Year Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) Community Visioning and Engagement Project
- 2016 Gresham Citizen Commission on Children and Families Final Report
- 2016 Gresham Community Center Task Force
- Gresham City Council meetings on July 12, 2016 and August 16, 2016.

**Oversight:** Gresham's citizen volunteer Finance Committee would monitor bond revenues and project expenditures.

The proposed Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities are planned to be centrally located in Gresham and accessible to residents from across the City. If approved by voters, the City of Gresham would issue up to \$48,000,000 in General Obligation bonds which could be issued in separate series. Each series will mature in 21 years or less. Estimated bond tax rate is thirty-five cents per \$1,000 assessed property value.

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An elector may file a petition for review of this explanatory statement. The petition must state the reasons the explanatory statement filed is insufficient, not concise, or unfair; and must be filed with the City Recorder at Gresham City hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, no later than 5 PM, August 25, 2016.

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Susanjoy Baskoro, CMC  
City Recorder

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