

# City Manager's Report

## Information and Updates for the Mayor and City Council

September 16, 2022

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

MEETING/EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Council Meeting	September 21	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual
Council Meeting	October 5	5 p.m. Work Session 7 p.m. Regular Meeting	Council Chambers / Virtual

[VIEW THE FULL COUNCIL SCHEDULE](#)

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## PUBLIC AGENCY AND COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES

### LOC's Annual Business Meeting Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

As part of its 97th Annual Conference, the League of Oregon Cities' Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, at 11 a.m. Each LOC member city is entitled to cast one vote at the membership meeting to elect the LOC Board of Directors for 2023.

**If you are interested in attending this Annual Meeting to cast a vote on behalf of Bend, please contact Eric King by Thursday, September 22nd.**

Cities are required to complete a voting delegate form and submit to LOC by Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## **Introducing Cheyenne Purrington, Director of Houseless Strategies & Solutions**

Following a highly competitive national recruitment, Deschutes County and partnering cities Bend, La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters have hired Cheyenne Purrington as Central Oregon's first Houseless Strategies and Solutions Director. The official press release and other media coverage are linked below:

[\*\*Deschutes County Press Release\*\*](#)

[\*\*Bend Bulletin - Regional director hired for a collaborative office on homelessness solutions\*\*](#)

[\*\*KTVZ - Deschutes County, partnering cities hire first houseless strategies, solutions director\*\*](#)

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## **Addressing Houselessness in Deschutes County 5-Year Strategic Plan**

The Emergency Houselessness Task Force (now in-active) previously drafted a 5-year strategic plan to address houselessness in Deschutes County. The draft plan will be a starting point for Cheyenne Purrington, the new Director of Houseless Strategies & Solutions in the Coordinated Houseless Response Office, to meet obligations of HB4123, which requires a strategic plan within a year of the award of state funding to establish the new Coordinated Houseless Response Office. A detailed background report and draft of the strategic plan is linked below:

[\*\*Background & DRAFT: Addressing Houselessness in Deschutes County 5-Year Strategic Plan\*\*](#)

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## **State Houselessness Strategic Updates**

The following houselessness-related State initiatives currently under consideration/review are **summarized here**.

- OHCS 2023 Legislative Agenda Houselessness Concepts
- Medicaid Waiver
- Oregon's Interagency Council on Homelessness

Additionally, the Oregon Mayor's Association (OMA) established a Statewide Homelessness Task Force. Read about their purpose on OMA's [\*\*2022 2nd Quarter Newsletter \(page 4\)\*\*](#).

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# PROJECT AND PROGRAM UPDATES

## **BendBuzz: City of Bend Monthly Employee Newsletter**

BendBuzz, the City’s employee newsletter, features sections like “Listen Learn Do Better,” which highlights equity-related updates from across the organization, and “Why I Work for the City,” where employees share their reasons for joining, and remaining with, the City of Bend. The newsletter also includes information on upcoming internal trainings like DEIA Lunch and Learns. This publication is one way the City is working towards its goal of creating a representative, inclusive and welcoming workforce.

Read the **September issue of BendBuzz**.

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## **VIEW PREVIOUS CITY MANAGER’S REPORTS**

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