



City Council Meeting Minutes

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor • Bart Hansen • Ty Stober • Erik Paulsen • Sarah J. Fox • Diana H. Perez • Kim D. Harless

October 14, 2024

Workshops: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

Workshops were conducted in person in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, or www.facebook.com/VancouverUS.

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2025-26 Biennial Budget

(approximately 2 hours)

Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer, Shannon Olsen, Budget Manager,
natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us, shannon.olsen@cityofvancouver.us

Staff led Council through a discussion of the 2025-26 Biennial Budget.

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle was absent from the workshop.

Council Dinner / Administrative Updates (6:00-6:30 p.m.)

Regular Council Meeting

6:30 PM

Vancouver City Hall - Council Chambers - 415 W 6th Street, Vancouver WA

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with in person and remote viewing and participation over video conference utilizing a GoToMeeting platform. Members of the public were invited to view the meeting in person, via the live broadcast on www.cvtv.org and CVTV cable channels 23 or HD 323, or on the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/VancouverUS. Public access and testimony on Consent Agenda items and under the Community Forum were also facilitated in person and via the GoToMeeting conference call.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Vancouver City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen. This meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, including both in person and remotely over video conference.

Present: Councilmember Harless, Councilmember Perez, Councilmember Fox, Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen, Councilmember Stober, Councilmember Hansen

Absent: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Hansen, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to excuse Mayor McEnerny-Ogle. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes - August 5, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Hansen, seconded by Councilmember Stober, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the August 5, 2024, meeting minutes. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

Minutes - August 12, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the August 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

Minutes - August 19, 2024

Motion by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Perez, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve the August 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

Proclamations

Great Washington Shakeout

Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen read and presented a proclamation to Gene Juve, Emergency Preparedness Manager, proclaiming October 17, 2024, as Vancouver ShakeOut.

White Cane Days

Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen read and presented a proclamation to Diane Cavanaugh, Fort Vancouver Lions Treasurer, proclaiming October 15, 2024, as White Cane Awareness Day.

Indigenous People's Day

Mayor McEnerny-Ogle read and presented a proclamation to Duana Ricks-Johnson, Colville/Lakes Tribal Member and MMIWUSA, Elder Victor Mandan, Mandan of the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation - Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, Elder Dianne Mandan, Iroquois Confederacy - Mohawk Descendant, proclaiming October 14, 2024, as Indigenous People's Day.

Community Communication

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to Council regarding any matter on the Agenda not already scheduled for Public Hearing. (Separate instructions are provided for offering testimony on Public Hearing when applicable.) This includes the option to testify about Workshops. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Speakers are to limit their testimony to a total of three minutes for all items combined.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen opened Community Communication and received testimony from the following community members regarding any matter on the agenda not scheduled for a Public Hearing:

- *Ashlie Clark, Vancouver*
- *Amy Russell, Vancouver*
- *Gabriella Mendoza Ewing, Vancouver*
- *Charlene Montierth, Vancouver*
- *Jaynee Haygood, Vancouver*
- *Dylan DeLoe, Vancouver*
- *Virginia Ross, Vancouver*
- *Katherine Cory, Vancouver*
- *Cathryn Chudy, Vancouver*
- *Karen Morrison, Vancouver*
- *Emily Waters, Vancouver*
- *Maria Rosas, Vancouver*
- *Riley Schleiss, Portland, OR*
- *Jean Avery, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen closed Community Communication.

Consent Agenda

The following items will be passed by a single motion to approve all listed actions and resolutions. There will be no discussion on these items unless requested by Council. If discussion is requested, the item will be moved from the Consent Agenda and considered separately – after the motion has been made and passed to approve the remaining items.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Fox, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Items 1-9 on the Consent Agenda. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

- 1. Contract Award - Ambulance Services Agreement between City of Vancouver and American Medical Response Northwest, Inc. for Ambulance Services Beginning January 1, 2025 - C-101766**

Staff Report: 203-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve the Ambulance Services Agreement between the City and AMR for the provision of the Services with an initial term of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029, and any Agreement amendments in compliance with the Vancouver Municipal Code.

Brennan Blue, Fire Chief, Natasha Ramras, Chief Financial Officer,
brennan.blue@cityofvancouver.us, natasha.ramras@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

- 2. Contract Award - Agreement between City of Vancouver and Stryker Sales LLC for the Purchase of Monitor/Defibrillator Equipment - #C-101756**
Staff Report: 204-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve a contract and any required contract amendments with Stryker Sales LLC for the purchase of Monitor/Defibrillator Equipment. The estimated amount of the purchases over the life of the agreement are expected to be \$1,500,000.

Robert Milano, Division Fire Chief, Robert.Milano@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

- 3. Contract Award - Enterprise Agreement for GIS software and services with Esri, Inc.**

Staff Report: 205-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to sign a 2-year Enterprise Agreement with Esri, Inc. in the amount of \$380,667.40, including tax, for the purchase of GIS software and services.

Amandeep Singh, GIS and Data Manager,
Aman.Singh@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

4. Contract Amendment - Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of Software and Related Services - #121923-SHI

Staff Report: 206-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or their designee, to approve purchases under Sourcewell contract #121923-SHI for the life of the contract up to the current authorized budget.

Giovanni Strano, IT Infrastructure Manager,
Giovanni.Strano@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

5. Contract Amendment - Approval for an Increase in Purchasing Using Firefighting Brush Rig Bodies - C-101731

Staff Report: 207-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager or their designee to approve an increase in purchasing using Contract C-101731 for the life of the contract with Mallory Safety & Supply LLC. The increase being requested would raise the contract threshold from \$300,000 to \$400,000 to accommodate the construction of two Firefighting Brush Rigs for the Fire Department.

Jake Mahan, Senior Management Analyst,
jake.mahan@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

6. Interlocal Agreement - City of Vancouver with the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services for Providing Printing and Mailing Services

Staff Report: 208-24

Request: Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into interlocal agreement with Washington Department of Enterprise Services

Chris Malone, Public Works Finance and Asset Manager,
chris.malone@cityofvancouver.us

Motion approved the request.

7. Resolution Delegating Authority to City Manager - PFAS litigation

A Resolution authorizing city manager Lon Pluckhahn to take action through settlements and litigation to address pfas contamination of drinking water.

Staff Report: 209-24

Request: Motion to approve Resolution *** delegating authority to the City Manager regarding settlements and litigation relating to PFAS contamination in drinking water.

Cary Driskell, Assistant City Attorney, cary.driskell@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4305 to approve the request.

8. Parkview Heights Multi-Family Tax Exemption

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Vancouver approving a contract with VESTCapital, LLC a Washington limited liability corporation (its successors and assigns) (Applicant), for a 12 year limited multi-family tax exemption providing income-based housing for a proposed development of multi-family residential housing to be constructed on properties specifically described in Exhibit A (Properties) generally located north of the intersection of NE 47th Court and Nicholson Road in central Vancouver.

Staff Report: 210-24

Request: Adopt the resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a multi-family housing limited property tax exemption certificate

Bryan Monroe, Associate Housing Project Coordinator,
bryan.monroe@cityofvancouver.us

Motion adopted Resolution M-4306 to approve the request.

9. Approval of Claim Vouchers

Request: Approve claim vouchers for October 14, 2024.

Motion approved claim vouchers in the amount of \$4,817,081.02.

Public Hearings

The following item(s) are scheduled for public hearing. Members of the public addressing Council are requested to give their name and city of residence for the audio record. Unless otherwise announced by the Presiding Officer, speakers are to limit their testimony to three minutes for each public hearing.

10. 2024 Housing Code Changes

A ZONING ORDINANCE, amending and restating Ordinance M-4455 adopted by the City Council on an emergency interim basis on September 9, 2024, relating to

zoning for the City of Vancouver and Vancouver Municipal Code (VMC) Title 20; amending VMC 20.410, 20.810, 20.920, and 20.950 pursuant to RCW 36.70A.390; establishing additional findings of fact; establishing an immediate effective date and providing for severability.

Staff Report: 211-24

Request: On October 14, 2024, hold a public hearing on 2024 housing code changes substantially similar to those adopted by interim ordinance on September 9, 2024 and adopt an amended and restated version of that ordinance pursuant to [RCW 36.70A.390](#).

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner,
bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us

Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the 2024 Housing Code Changes.

Council discussed the item briefly with staff.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen opened the public hearing and received testimony from the following community members:

- *Jonathan Wheeler, Vancouver*
- *Alyssa Wheeler, Vancouver*
- *Tabor Kelly, Vancouver*
- *Jason Hernandez, Vancouver*
- *Kimberlee Goheen Elbon, La Center, WA*

There being no further testimony, Mayor Pro Tem Paulsen closed the public hearing.

Motion by Councilmember Stober, seconded by Councilmember Harless, and Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstaining: 0, to approve Ordinance M-4465. Absent from vote: Mayor McEnerny-Ogle.

Communications

- A. From the Council**
- B. From the Mayor**
- C. From the City Manager**

Adjournment

7:53 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

Anne McEnerny-Ogle

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Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor

Attest:

DocuSigned by:

Natasha Ramras

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Natasha Ramras, City Clerk

The written comments below are those of the submitter alone and are not representative of the views of CVTV or the City of Vancouver, its elected or appointed officials, or its employees.

From: [Reema K](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submitting public comment for tonight's meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 1:50:31 PM

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Dear Council members,

I am writing today about the "apple" of Vancouver - Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington. Just like eating an apple a day will improve one's overall health, Watershed Alliance is Vancouver's apple. I beseech you to change your mind and continue funding for this vital organization for our community. As the Evergreen State, healthy waterways and natural areas are crucial to our current and future existence. The alliance actively engages the community with over 1600 volunteers this past year. These volunteers helped to plant over 21,000 native trees, restore Horn's Corner (wetland area), continued restoration work at LaCamas Lake, educated auto owners about oil leaks and healthy ways to repair, created forest buffer at Manly Creek, removed over 1,500 pounds of litter, and many additional diverse activities that are helping our watersheds. Please continue funding for Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington.

Thank you

Reema Khasawinah

From: [Kinney, Allison](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Katherine Cory](#); [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
Subject: ****Urgent Appeal to Maintain Funding for Columbia Springs****
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:33:40 AM
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Dear City Council,

I am writing as a member of the Board of Directors of Columbia Springs to express my deep concern regarding the recommended reduction of budget allocations for our organization in the upcoming fiscal year. Columbia Springs plays a critical role in the Vancouver community by providing environmental education, conservation efforts, and community engagement opportunities. Our programs directly enrich the lives of thousands of local residents each year, fostering environmental stewardship and offering valuable, hands-on learning experiences for people of all ages. Our program is unlike any other in this community, and the proposed budget reduction will have a direct negative impact on this community, including school children and families.

The funding we receive from the City is essential for the success of several key programs:

- **Summer Camp Scholarships:** City funding allows us to provide scholarships for area children to attend our summer camps, ensuring that all children, regardless of financial situation, have the opportunity to connect with nature and learn about the environment.
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These programs are crucial to our mission and serve a wide range of residents, from children and families to students and outdoor enthusiasts. A reduction in funding would severely impact our ability to continue offering these services, limiting access to critical educational and recreational opportunities for the community.

I understand the challenges of the budgeting process, but I firmly believe that maintaining support for Columbia Springs is an investment in Vancouver's future. Our programs not only benefit the environment but also help create a more engaged, knowledgeable, and resilient community.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider any proposed cuts to Columbia Springs' funding. Your continued support is vital to ensuring that we can continue serving the community and protecting our natural resources for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Allison Kinney

Board of Directors, Columbia Springs

Allison Kinney
Environmental Scientist



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From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:28:14 AM

Contact the City Council

Name
Allison Kinney Kinney
Email
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[REDACTED] Vancouver, WA 98660 United States Map It
Subject
Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
Choose Recipient
All the Council
Message
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File
City-Council-Meeting-10.14.2024_Columbia-Springs.pdf

From: [City of Vancouver, WA](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:40:36 AM

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Rian Sallee
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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rian Sallee

Board of Directors, Columbia Springs

From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: **Urgent Appeal to Maintain Funding for Columbia Springs**
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Written testimony for tonight, did you receive this?

Tawny Maruhn | Senior Support Specialist

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City Manager's Office/ Boards & Commissions
Office: 360-487-8621
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From: Kinney, Allison <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 11:33 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Katherine Cory <katherine@columbiasprings.org>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: **Urgent Appeal to Maintain Funding for Columbia Springs**

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From: [City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Delapena, Amanda](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for 10/14 Budget Workshop
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:51:40 AM

I believe you may have already seen this but wanted to send just in case.

Amelia Pilipchuk | Support Specialist
City Manager's Office | Information Desk
P: (360) 487-8101

From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:30 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Comment for 10/14 Budget Workshop

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To: Madam Mayor, City Council, and City Manager:

I would like to comment regarding the proposed budget cuts to local nonprofits, and to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services -- which used to include "Trails and Natural Resources."

In my view, the proposed budget cuts impact Vancouver's best assets: its nature-based programs.

- **The Watershed Alliance** recruits hundreds of regular volunteers to clean up our beaches and plant thousands of native trees and shrubs.
- **Columbia Springs'** educators introduce many school children to the natural world. In addition, this property offers some of the few wooded trails that are available in Vancouver.
- **Americorps** workers bring their youthful energy and enthusiasm to their short-term assignments.
- **The senior hiking program** works because volunteer leaders team up with City staff to introduce seniors to outdoor recreation and beauty.
- **The Recreation Centers**, with the welcoming Customer Service Reps, are community hubs where newcomers (as well as regular attendees) learn about recreational opportunities in Vancouver.

Without these programs, Vancouver would not be the special place it is.

As Enos Mills said years ago, *"Without parks and outdoor life, all that is best in civilization will be smothered. To save ourselves, to prevent our perishing, to enable us to live our best and happiest, parks are necessary."*

Thank you for considering my comments,

Jean M. Avery

Vancouver

From: [Heidi Cody](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Cathryn Chudy](#)
Subject: ACE letter of support for Watershed Alliance continued funding
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:10:40 PM
Attachments: [ACE Watershed Alliance Support Letter.pdf](#)

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Hello Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Attached please find a letter of support from Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) for the City to continue funding Watershed Alliance, an integral community partner. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Heidi Cody and Cathryn Chudy
Alliance for Community Engagement SW WA (ACE)

October 14, 2024

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) SW WA

Dear Mayor, City Councilmembers and Staff,

Alliance for Community Engagement (ACE) would like to express our support for the Watershed Alliance as it faces the prospect of having its City funding eliminated. This loss of keystone funding would cause major disruption to Watershed Alliance's programming and threaten the viability of the organization. We ask the City to reconsider and find a way to maintain funding for this vital community partner.

The Watershed Alliance is a highly respected nonprofit whose base of over 11,000 local volunteers plant native trees and shrubs along the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, offer Backyard Habitat Certification site visits, and have kept 5,000 pounds of trash out of the Columbia River. Our Vancouver communities depend on Watershed Alliance for cleaner natural green spaces, litter-free beaches, and clean water.

Vancouver's Climate Action Framework mentions Watershed Alliance repeatedly as a "lead" and "key" partner in various actions. It is difficult to imagine how a dependable partner like Watershed Alliance could be denied funding as implementation of the Climate Action Framework gears up, and as the City prioritizes ways to strengthen our climate resiliency.

Caring for our green spaces and waterways is fundamental to climate action and climate resilience. It would be a huge loss for our community if Watershed Alliance had to shutter its doors. Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of this beloved community nonprofit. We urge you to prioritize continued funding for Watershed Alliance.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Community Engagement

From: [Tina](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Written comments for City Council meeting
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:06:05 PM

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Dear Mayor Anne and Council Members-

I am very concerned regarding the new budget plan's proposal to cut funding for the Vancouver Watershed Alliance. In the midst of environmental degradation and climate collapse you cannot in good conscience drop one of the key players that helps you combat these very issues. Please reconsider this decision!!

Regards, Tina Barrows

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mike Ellison](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Community Comment for Mayor and City Council - 2025 Proposed Operating Budget Workshop October 14, 2024
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 5:55:26 PM

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Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Councilors Fox, Hanson, Harless, Paulsen, Perez, and Stober:

I moved to Vancouver at 6-weeks old. I graduated from FVHS in 1973. After the first 6 years of my professional life, in 1984 I returned to Vancouver and have lived ever since on the north edge of Leverich Park along Burnt Bridge Creek (BBC). I am a retired science educator, including teaching at Evergreen HS and Skyview HS, and a science education researcher at Portland State University.

My comments are focused on the work of the Watershed Alliance of SW WA and any cuts you are considering in the 2025 Operating Budget. I do not support cuts. Here are some reasons why.

I began participating as a volunteer in the programming of the Watershed Alliance of SW WA around 2008. I have participated in planting along Burnt Bridge Creek, invasive species removal, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, the environmental film series, beach cleanup along the Columbia River, and the Don't Drip and Drive program to reduce automobile oil from entering our stormwater drainage system.

I have spent time along Burnt Bridge Creek in places like Leverich Park since high school and take frequent walks and bike rides along this greenway as an adult. What an incredible amenity right on my doorstep. I can attest that the work of Watershed Alliance in partnership with the City of Vancouver has transformed the BBC greenway into a more vibrant, healthy ecosystem. That ecosystem now includes increasing native plant species with accompanying aquatic species, insects, and birds. And today so many more Vancouver residents are enjoying this restoration. Today, when I walk the BBC trail through Leverich Park the air temperature is around 10 degrees cooler in the summer heat than it was 15 years ago. This is an important break in Vancouver's urban heat islands. As your Climate Action Framework acknowledges, the work of the Watershed Alliance is key to implementing five of that plan's Action items.

The plantings along BBC, along with many other programs of the Watershed Alliance, involve many hundreds of volunteers each year in environmental restoration. When residents participate in the outdoors with their neighbors and families, a community

learns together about how our climate and ecosystems work. As time goes by and we see the transformation, we take pride ourselves and our neighbors. Along with our children, we are educated and inspired. Our neighborhoods become more resilient, healthy, just, and safe. What an asset this is.

I want to highlight the value of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program based on my experience with it. My property represents 3 or 4 of the more than 400 site visits of this program in Vancouver. We now have more native species –purchased from local native plant sales—and fewer invasives than before those visits. We better understand the importance of native species and how to provide habitat for them. We have received expert advice on some of the challenges our property gives us to solve before we can receive full certification.

Another aspect of the Watershed Alliance programming is their vision to involve more of Vancouver's Spanish speaking community through having a native Spanish speaker at most volunteer events and distributing all social media and communications in both Spanish and English. I have watched this be implemented over time and have seen the number of Spanish speaking volunteers increase. I am very proud of the Watershed Alliance's clear vision to build a stronger Vancouver.

We need Vancouver's home-grown environment education and restoration nonprofit that is a unique asset to our community. The work and partnerships of the Watershed Alliance are needed to build community and to meet our climate and environmental challenges. Please reconsider any proposed cuts in the Watershed Alliance contract.

Sincerely,

Mike Ellison (he/him)

PhD Environmental Sciences and Technology



Vancouver, WA 98663

From: [Susan Saul](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: City Council Workshop Comments
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 12:17:54 PM
Attachments: [Watershed Alliance Contract Renewal 10-13-2024.docx](#)

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Comments to the City Council regarding the proposed 2025-26 Biennial Budget are attached.

Susan Saul
Conservation Chair





P.O. Box 1966
Vancouver, WA 98668-1966

October 13, 2024

Re: Contract Renewal with the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington

Dear Mayor McEnerny-Ogle and Council Members:

We urge you to renew the contract with the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington for another five years at the amount of \$150,000 each year. In return, the Watershed Alliance will continue to provide services to the city which support its Climate Action Framework, particularly in the focus area of Natural Systems and Water Resources, to transition to community-wide carbon neutrality by 2040 and build the city's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The work of the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington is bird-friendly as well as climate-friendly. Through their volunteer planting work parties, native trees and shrubs have been planted along the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway and other riparian areas, invasive species have been removed from natural habitats, and litter has been removed from our Columbia River shoreline. These Watershed Alliance-led activities have helped many Vancouver residents, both adults and children, to become stewards of their local natural areas and better care for their environment. Volunteers can learn how bird-friendly landscaping provides wildlife food, saves water, and fights climate change. Even apartment-dwellers can learn how to support birds with container gardens of native plants.

The Watershed Alliance also offers a city-funded Neighborhood Grants program to support environmental and community focused projects implemented by Vancouver's neighborhood associations. Micro-grants, totaling \$22,500 annually, have supported installation of pollinator gardens, neighborhood native species planting events, invasive species removal events and youth environmental engagement.

These services to the city are a bargain at \$150,000 per year and cannot be replaced if the Watershed Alliance can no longer deliver them. Their loss will set back the city's progress towards its climate goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan M. Saul". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized.

Susan Saul
Conservation Chair

From: [Mark Leed](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Funding for Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington
Date: Sunday, October 13, 2024 9:58:15 AM

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Dear Mayor and City Council members,

I urge you to retain funding in the City's 2025-2026 budget for the Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington. The City of Vancouver has provided funding for the Watershed Alliance since 2008. Without your help, the nonprofit will lose its largest source of funding to carry out its crucial environmental stewardship activities. Finding replacement funding would be a significant challenge. This is particularly concerning because the Watershed Alliance has been identified in the City's Climate Action Framework as a key partner in implementing climate action goals. I encourage you to continue your financial support of this very effective nonprofit.

Respectfully,

Mark Leed

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Vancouver WA 98661

From: deedub.uke@outlook.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Budget & Watershed Alliance
Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 4:59:26 PM

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Council should reconsider dropping city funding for Watershed Alliance. Watershed Alliance does vital work for us all, work which would not be done by the city or another group. City investment is actually multiplied because the Alliance has many unpaid volunteers. In other words, the city and all citizens enjoy critical work done by people who work without pay. Employees without cost to the city. What a terrific concept. Please continue funding Watershed Alliance. Thank you.

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Vancouver WA 98660

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From: [City Council](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Comment for 10/14 Budget Workshop
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:31:10 AM

From: Jean M. Avery [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 8:30 AM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>; City of Vancouver - Office of the City Manager <CMO@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Comment for 10/14 Budget Workshop

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To: Madam Mayor, City Council, and City Manager:

I would like to comment regarding the proposed budget cuts to local nonprofits, and to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services -- which used to include "Trails and Natural Resources."

In my view, the proposed budget cuts impact Vancouver's best assets: its nature-based programs.

- **The Watershed Alliance** recruits hundreds of regular volunteers to clean up our beaches and plant thousands of native trees and shrubs.
- **Columbia Springs'** educators introduce many school children to the natural world. In addition, this property offers some of the few wooded trails that are available in Vancouver.
- **Americorps** workers bring their youthful energy and enthusiasm to their short-term assignments.
- **The senior hiking program** works because volunteer leaders team up with City staff to introduce seniors to outdoor recreation and beauty.
- **The Recreation Centers**, with the welcoming Customer Service Reps, are community hubs where newcomers (as well as regular attendees) learn about recreational opportunities in Vancouver.

Without these programs, Vancouver would not be the special place it is.

As Enos Mills said years ago, *"Without parks and outdoor life, all that is best in civilization will be smothered. To save ourselves, to prevent our perishing, to enable us to live our best and happiest, parks are necessary."*

Thank you for considering my comments,

Jean M. Avery
Vancouver

From: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Holmes, Eric](#); [Pluckhahn, Lon](#); [Ramras, Natasha](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: FW: Submission: Contact City Council - for 10/7 workshop
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 12:43:02 PM
Attachments: [2025-CJC-Positions-Combined-CoV-w-email1.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

We received the message below via the online contact form a little past the deadline for written comments. Sharing for your consideration in advance of this afternoon’s budget workshop.

Amanda Delapena
Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager

From: City of Vancouver, WA <noreply@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2024 12:35 PM
To: City Council <council@cityofvancouver.us>
Subject: Submission: Contact City Council

Contact the City Council

Name	Amy Russell
Email	
Phone	5643975624
Address	Vancouver, WA 98660 United States
Subject	Share an Opinion of a City project or Initiative
Choose Recipient	Mayor
Message	Good afternoon. For the record, I would like to clarify a 2025 budget request of the City of Vancouver for the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center (CJC). The package number is GG00674 – Children's Justice

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Amy Russell

To: Vancouver City Council; City of Vancouver Mayor
Subject: 2025 CJC Budget Request

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- Funding amounts for the City and the County are based upon the actual cost of the Center, less any grants and donations secured by CJC in the course of the budget year
- Of the remaining amount, the cost share agreement for the City and the County is allocated from a three-year average of cases investigated by the City and the County
- The three-year cost-share average for 2024 is 54% City of Vancouver and 46% Clark County
- CJC experienced a 40% increase in cases worked following the Covid pandemic
- Due to increased caseloads, Clark County dedicated funds to pay for an additional forensic interviewer and an additional victim advocate for one year, as well as a 0.75 FTE victim advocate funded by the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- At that time, CJC approached the City to equitably "match" this funding from the County when the funds expired; a City official indicated that they would "pay their fair share" (see email in attachment)
- CJC has requested funding from the City for 2025 to cover the expenses for the County-funded forensic interviewer and victim advocate project positions, as well as an equitable share of the 0.75 FTE victim advocate historically funded by the PAO
- The funding request was submitted through the City budget process, but was labeled as "the City's share to support grant funded FTEs after the grants have expired" as opposed to the City's share of the established cost-share agreement
- The loss of funding from the City leaves 2.75 FTE victim advocates carrying caseloads of over 200 each, where the industry standard is 20-50
- The loss of funding also reduces CJC forensic interviewers to 1.0 FTE, responsible for conducting nearly 400 interviews a year and testifying in approximately 74 defense interviews, hearings and trials a year

Amy Russell, MEd, JD, NCC
Executive Director
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Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center

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CLARK COUNTY STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Children's Justice Center

CJC-04-25AD

DATE: 8 July 2024

REQUESTED ACTION:

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COUNCIL POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no implications for Council policy or collective bargaining parameters and requires no committee appointments. No funds are requested from the County general fund for this position; funds requested are.

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Program	PG0060 – CJC Advocacy Services
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Contractual						
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Travel						
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Total			~\$21,250		~\$85,000		

III. B – Expenditure by object category

Fund #/Title	2022 Annual Budget		2023 Annual Budget		2024 Annual Budget	
	GF	Total	GF	Total	GF	Total
Salary/Benefits		~\$21,250		~\$85,000		

Contractual						
Supplies						
Travel						
Other Controllables						
Capital Outlays						
Inter-fund Transfers						
Debt Service						
Total		~\$21,250		~\$85,000		

Amy Russell

From: Ramras, Natasha <Natasha.Ramras@cityofvancouver.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Amy Russell
Cc: Fox, Sarah
Subject: RE: CJC Funding Request

Hi Amy,

It would be consistent with prior practices for the city to fund the two positions for one additional year, to match the county ARPA contribution. We can revisit in 2024 as to the permanent funding of the positions. Ideally, it would match the current split of funding based on the caseloads.

Thank you for the heads up on the additional monthly cost increase. Could you please forward to me the current caseload split as of the end of 2021?

Thank you,
Natasha

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From: Amy Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:50 AM
To: Ramras, Natasha <Natasha.Ramras@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Fox, Sarah <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: CJC Funding Request

Hi, Natasha. My apologies for my delayed response.

For the two positions, my request is that the City would pay for the entire amount for the two positions for 2024 if the ARPA funds from the County are awarded, since the ARPA request was for the entire amount for the two positions for 2023. I anticipate the County will be making a decision soon.

Regarding the new CJC location, we are not certain of new rent amounts, as a new location for CJC has not been determined when our lease expires in May 2024. We did hear last week that the new leasing company taking over the lease in June 2024 may extend CJC's current lease for 3-10 years, but it is not yet confirmed, nor is the rent amount. CJC

will face a slight increase starting next April, for a total of about \$5,000 for the year, which will be split between the City and the County based on three-year average for caseloads.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or need additional information. Thank you.

Amy Russell, MEd, JD, NCC
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From: Ramras, Natasha <Natasha.Ramras@cityofvancouver.us>

Sent: Monday, August 29, 2022 5:39 PM

To: Amy Russell [REDACTED]

Cc: Fox, Sarah <S.Fox@cityofvancouver.us>

Subject: RE: CJC Funding Request

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Hi Amy,

Thank you for reaching out. We are in the middle of our two year budget preparation.

Just to make sure I understand your request correctly: Would the request be for the proportionate funding by the City of the two positions based on the historical formula we have used over the years to allocate the costs between the City and other jurisdictions CJC supports?

Earlier in the summer you were also sharing a potential cost increase related to your agency moving to a different location. If I remember correctly, at that time, you did not have the city's proportionate cost increase identified. Did you find the location that works and have that figure for me?

Once I have the figures, I will add them to our budget requests. Grant funding, including the stimulus funds are easier to allocate, unlike the on-going funding requests that compete with all other requests from the city agencies.

Thank you,
Natasha

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From: Amy Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2022 2:12 PM
To: Ramras, Natasha <Natasha.Ramras@cityofvancouver.us>
Cc: Fox, Sarah [REDACTED]
Subject: CJC Funding Request

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Good afternoon, Natasha. I am reaching out with a funding request for CJC. Back in December of 2021, the CJC Executive Board approved an application to Clark County for ARPA funds to hire a new 1.0 FTE victim advocate for 2022 to handle the increased caseload of child abuse victims attributable to the pandemic. In 2021, CJC experienced a 30% increase in child abuse cases over 2019 pre-pandemic levels; to date in 2022, we are seeing 40% more cases than pre-pandemic (please see attached case comparisons for year-end 2019-2021 and year-to-date for 2020-2022). The Clark County Council approved ARPA funds for this position to continue to meet the increased demand. CJC was also able to hire a new 1.0 FTE forensic interviewer with CESFP (COVID) funds in 2021 to help with the increased demand for forensic interviews with children. These funds were administered by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington.

Unfortunately, both of these funding streams end at the end of 2022. CJC has requested ARPA funds in the amount of \$198,000 from Clark County to carry these positions through 2023; the County Council will be discussing this request at the September 6th Council meeting. One of the questions/concerns the Council members will have is sustainability for these two positions. I would like to be able to indicate at the meeting that the City of Vancouver, a partner agency for CJC, would be able to financially support these two positions in 2024, consistent with the CJC Interlocal Agreement. This would allow CJC to fully provide services to child victims of abuse and exploitation, as well as their families, as required by its accreditation standards. It would also enable CJC to assess the ongoing impact of COVID on child abuse reports in our community, and determine whether and how these two positions could be sustained beyond 2024, as appropriate.

I understand this is a big ask, far in advance of the 2024 budget cycle; however, City support would be an effective demonstration of good faith to the County and will help in their decision-making process for 2023 County ARPA funds. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request; I look forward to your response.

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Fluorine in health care: Organofluorine containing blockbuster drugs - ScienceDirect
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 11:26:06 PM

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<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0022113910000722>. Please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. Everyone is being overdosed with fluoride in drugs, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental jells, and PFEAS forever chemicals. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Gricich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#)
Subject: Fwd: The EPA can no longer ignore the risk water fluoridation poses to human health
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:29:15 PM

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Please send to council members and MELNICK. Put on public record and confirm that you did. I would like a EPA rep At your next council meetings and health board, to give speeches and stop the fluoridation. Thanks from Wynn

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From: **rcoones102** <[REDACTED]>
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2024, 10:38 AM
Subject: The EPA can no longer ignore the risk water fluoridation poses to human health
To:

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https://vigilantnews.com/post/house-of-cards-several-u-s-cities-hit-pause-on-water-fluoridation-in-wake-of-historic-federal-ruling/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwY2xjawFyTKpleHRuA2FibQIxMAABHbGEXtW-SgRpqJMDIri7HQaOD4v5ftsUMnTbugUsf4Ev95jGf5r1EiWoGg_aem_fjyrmRwpbXuAYDLXKScI0Q

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Guest post by [Michael Nevradakis, Ph.D.](#)

A handful of cities and counties responded quickly to a Sept. 24 ruling by a federal judge that water fluoridation at current levels poses an “unreasonable risk” of reduced IQ in children.

Several U.S. cities, towns and counties announced they will stop fluoridating their water in the aftermath of a [landmark federal court ruling](#) that found water fluoridation at current levels poses an “unreasonable risk” of reduced IQ in children.

Abilene, Texas; Yorktown and Somers, New York; and the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District in Utah are among those cities and districts that responded quickly to the Sept. 24 [ruling](#) by U.S. District Judge Edward Chen.

Chen ruled the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can no longer ignore the risk fluoridation poses to human — especially children’s — [health](#) and that the [agency](#) must take regulatory action.

The ruling stemmed from a [lawsuit](#) filed in 2017 by [Fluoride Action Network](#), [Moms Against Fluoridation](#), [Food & Water Watch](#) and individual parents and children. It followed the publication of a [key report](#) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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From: [Wynn Grcich](#)
To: [Dollar, Sarah](#); [Rebecca Messinger](#)
Subject: Watch "saRNA: Is Self-Amplifying mRNA Dangerous? w/ Sasha Latypova & Dr. Jay Bhattacharya – Ask Dr. Drew" on YouTube
Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 8:07:56 PM

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/Zj5DGxhCjNk?si=NsxC-sa4W4iQJtlr>. Please put on public record, send to council members and MELNICK. and confirm that you did. Thanks from Wynn

From: [Wynn Grich](#)
To: [Rebecca Messinger](#); [Dollar, Sarah](#); electmichellebelkot@gmail.com; [Jenifer St.Mars](#); [Cemal Richards](#)
Subject: Fwd: Most Read News of the Week
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To: Wynn Grich [REDACTED] >

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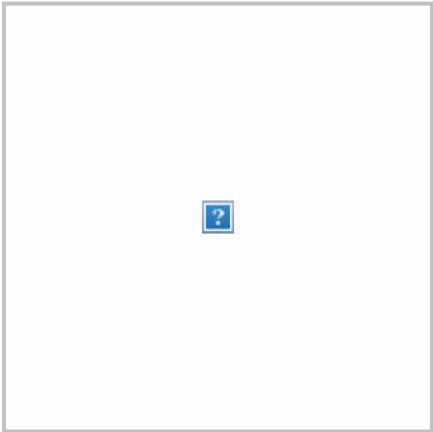
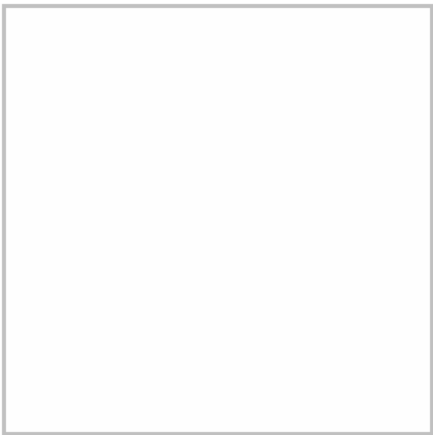
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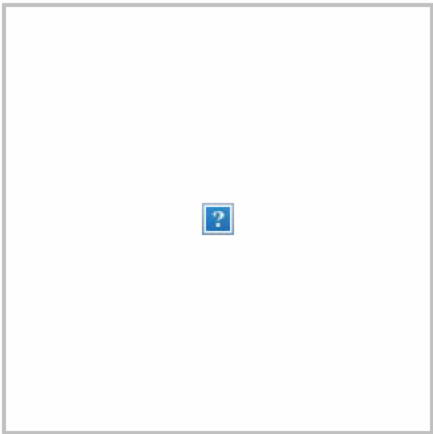
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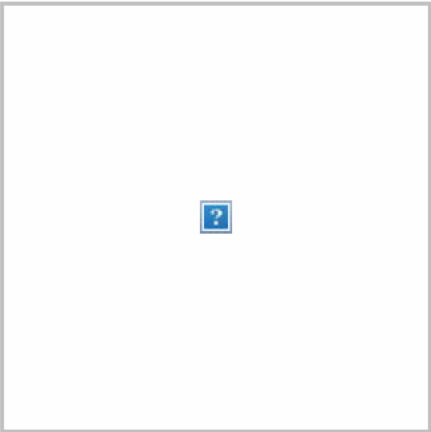


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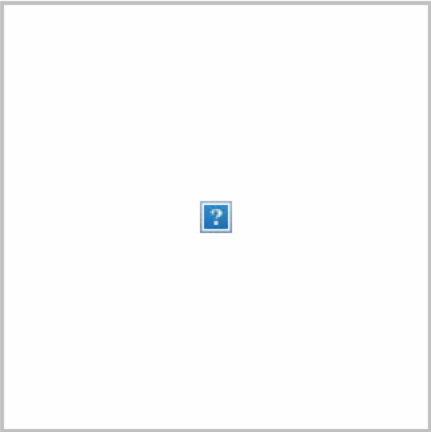
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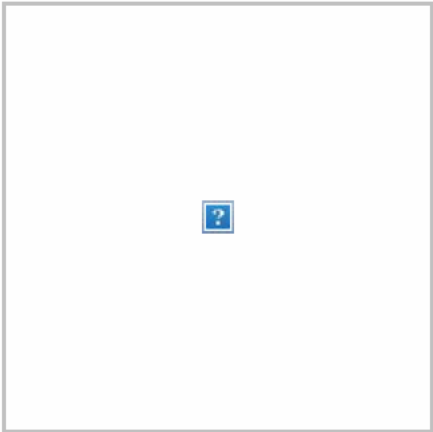
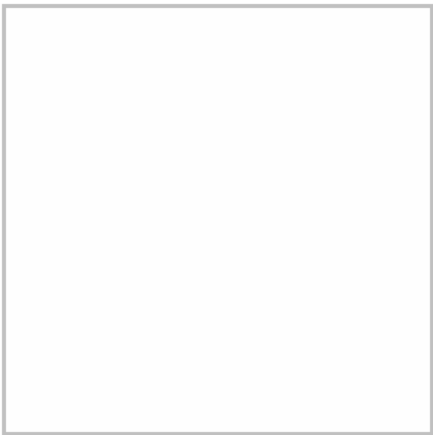


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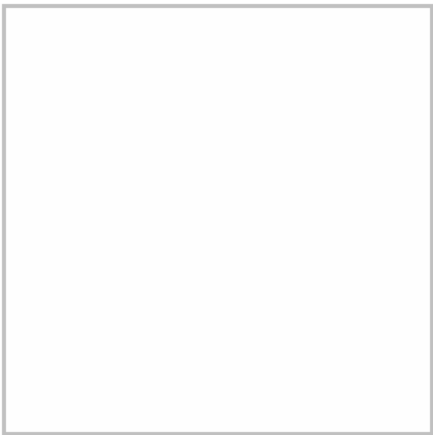


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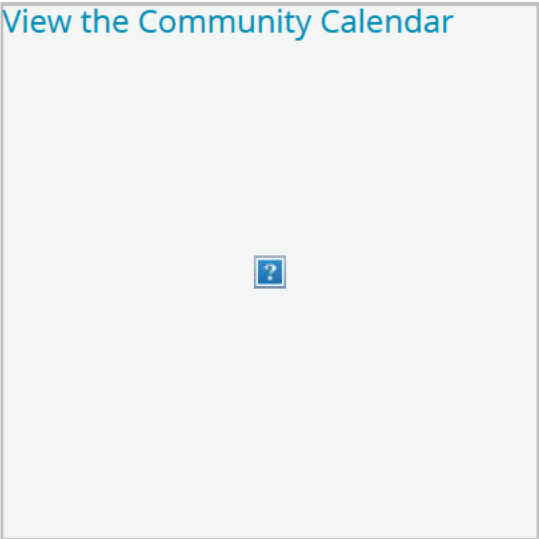
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