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**CITY OF NEWPORT
ANNOUNCES THREE BUSINESS OWNER POSITIONS
ON THE HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**

The City of Newport is seeking applications from owners of businesses in City Center, Nye Beach, and the Bayfront, who are interested in serving on the City of Newport's recently created Homelessness Task Force. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 3829, on November 5, 2018, which created the Homelessness Task Force. There are three positions for business owners, one each from the Bayfront, City Center, and Nye Beach.

The Homelessness Task Force will focus on identifying solutions to improving service coordination to support residents experiencing poverty, hunger, social isolation, homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, and related issues.

The Homelessness Task Force will also focus on identifying proactive solutions to expand services and resources for people who are homeless, including homelessness prevention, and other programs, and partnerships to help the area's homeless population obtain stable housing.

The Homelessness Task Force will meet on a schedule developed by the Task Force. The Task Force will provide a report to the City Council with recommendations for addressing issues associated with homelessness by June 30, 2019.

Anyone interested in serving on the Homelessness Task Force should apply using the city's committee application found on the city website at www.newportoregon.gov; click on "City;" then on "Committees;" and then on "Application for Committee/Commission." The completed form can be submitted electronically. Copies of the committee application form can be obtained by contacting the City Manager's Office at 169 SW Coast Highway,

Newport, Oregon 97365, or by calling 541.574.0613. The application deadline is December 28, 2018.

The Mayor, subject to ratification of the City Council, will make appointments to the Homelessness Task Force, at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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