



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Peggy Hawker
541.574.0613

**CITY OF NEWPORT
ANNOUNCES SIX CITIZEN AT-LARGE POSITIONS
ON THE SISTER CITY COMMITTEE**

The City of Newport is seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the City of Newport's recently created Sister City Committee. The City Council adopted Resolution No. 3870, on September 3, 2019, which created the Sister City Committee. There are six positions on this Committee for anyone interested in the Sister City Program.

Newport and Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, entered into a Sister City relationship on April 8, 1966. For the last 53 years, both cities have participated in many cultural exchanges of youth and adults. The city had an ad hoc committee in the past, but wished to formally create the committee to commit to and enhance future exchanges.

The Sister City Committee is charged with: maintaining communications with Newport's Sister City, Mombetsu, Hokkaido, Japan, on opportunities to collaborate; informing, promoting to Newport residents the Sister City relationship with Mombetsu; identifying participants for future exchanges; planning and executing fundraising events to support Newport students participating in exchanges; identifying host families for future exchanges to Newport; and other responsibilities as identified.

The Sister City Committee will meet quarterly, and more frequently as needed leading up to, and during, exchanges.

Anyone interested in serving on the Sister City Committee 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 September 23, 2019.

The Mayor, subject to ratification of the City Council, will make appointments to the Sister City Committee, at an upcoming City Council meeting. Interviews with potential Committee members may be scheduled prior to appointment.

Questions should be directed to Peggy Hawker, at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov, or 541.574.0613.

####