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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
ANNOUNCES VACANCIES ON THE  
NEWLY-CREATED POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

On December 7, 2020, the Newport City Council adopted Resolution No. 3905 creating a Police Advisory Committee for the City of Newport.

The Police Advisory Committee is comprised of nine members from the following community constituencies:

- Two members shall be residents of the city of Newport, representing residential property owners and renters; and
- One member shall be an owner or manager of a business located within the city, regardless of place of residence; and
- One member shall represent the Lincoln County School District; and
- Two members shall represent the LatinX community; and
- One member shall be a student from Newport High School; and
- One member shall have qualified experience in dispute resolution; and
- One member shall be at-large.

Committee member terms are two years.

It is anticipated that the Committee will meet bi-monthly. The responsibilities of the Police Advisory Committee include:

- To enhance police-community relations; and review police activity and calls for service.
- To educate Committee members regarding police practices, protocols, procedures and updates; to review police officer performance; and to provide a community

perspective and recommendations concerning procedures, programs, and the effectiveness of the police services.

- To engage in training to learn about policing and to promote public awareness of the city's police services and programs, including, but not limited to, business and residential crime prevention programs, safety training, domestic violence intervention, and school district/police/ community programs.
- To hold public meetings, from time to time, to solicit public input regarding police services, conduct, and programs.
- To serve as a liaison between the Police Department and the community.
- To encourage individuals and community groups to assist the Police Department in the implementation of police programs and services.
- To review policies and procedures and make recommendations concerning such other and further matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Mayor, City Council, or Police Chief.
- To review officer training and frequency of training regarding cultural competency and awareness content, and augment as it reflects local demands.
- To provide input on, promote, and distribute an annual report for the community with a compilation of statistics on citations, violations, broken down by demographics, and collection of community feedback documented on police interactions with community.
- To promote and distribute an infographic with a clear protocol on the process - from initial complaint to response so as to build trust and transparency and responsiveness.
- To review Committee composition to determine efficacy in outreach methods and recruitment of community members from varied community groups.
- To respond to community concerns in a timely manner.
- To prepare a report and recommendation to the Council determining formalization of the Police Advisory Committee.

Anyone interested in serving on the Police Advisory Committee should apply using the city's committee application which is found on the city website at [www.newportoregon.gov](http://www.newportoregon.gov); click on "City;" then on "Committees;" and then on "Application for Committee/Commission." **In response to Question No. 8, please indicate which**

community constituency you represent. The completed form can be submitted electronically. Hardcopies 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 January 8, 2021. City Council plans to interview applicants at its work session of January 19, 2021, and make appointments at an upcoming City Council meeting.

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