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RE: City Council Goal Input from Bend Economic Development Advisory Board

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

The Bend Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, who represent 1250 members with over 24,000 employees, would like to share its support of the key topics and themes identified by the Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) as recommendations for priority consideration when developing your upcoming City Council Goals. As a delegation to the City on behalf of the Bend business and economic development community, we believe this advisory board has identified opportunities for balance in both continued economic growth management and potential challenges to business expansion.

These priority recommendations from BEDAB for council goal consideration include:

- Housing availability and affordability
- Transportation infrastructure and additional transportation options
- Urban Growth Boundary implementation and incorporations accompanying public facilities plans
- Developing or expanding infrastructure (roads, sewers, etc.) to serve employment lands
- Developing business friendly policies

The Bend Chamber also plans to participate in the meeting on February 17 from 3-5 p.m. to present our own organizational input to the City Council Goal process. We appreciate being included in this important decision making as you work to develop a plan to help guide your efforts.

Appreciatively,

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Bend Chamber of Commerce