

COUNTY LETTERHEAD

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LETTER OF SUPPORT: FORMATION OF A NEW COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICE DISTRICT; ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT TAX RATE AND CONVERSION TO A REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM

The entities and officials identified below recognize the urgent need to form a new countywide 9-1-1 Service District within Deschutes County, to include the establishment of a permanent tax rate to fund 9-1-1 call receiving and emergency dispatch services and the conversion of the area's disparate radio systems to a centrally managed Regional Radio System. The new system will facilitate interoperable communications between the region's law enforcement, fire and rescue, emergency medical services, schools, hospitals and other general government agencies.

Formation of a new countywide 9-1-1 Service District with a permanent tax rate will benefit all residents of Deschutes County by providing adequate and stable funding to operate 9-1-1 call receiving and emergency dispatch services. A comprehensive emergency communications system will enhance the safety of all persons and institutions within Deschutes County.

The 9-1-1 Service District proposes to fund comprehensive scoping of the emergency communications system, including value engineering, preparation of financing alternatives, investigation of grant funding, and development of a governance structure. It is estimated that this work will cost \$250,000.

Subject to official Resolutions approving the formation and permanent tax rate as required by ORS Chapter 451, in recognition of the critical importance of these items as well as the financial commitment of the 9-1-1 Service District to develop a final proposal to the voters of Deschutes County, the entities and officials signing this letter resolve to unconditionally support the formation of a new countywide 9-1-1 Service District. This will include a permanent tax rate to provide 9-1-1 call receiving and emergency dispatch services and the construction and maintenance of a new, regional radio system. That support may include, but is not limited to, written advocacy, testimony at public forums, and interaction with the media.

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