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Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

Emphasize Citizen and Stakeholder Engagement in City Decisions.

Provide quality municipal services and parks programs.

Proactively work with the business community to boost economic vitality.

Continue discipline in public budgeting, tax, debt and spending matters.

Maintain and improve roads, bridges, paths and trails.

Maintain Neighborhood Character and Support Neighborhood Planning.

Continue the Boones Ferry Road Improvement Project to Completion.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is a defining feature and resource for our City. The Lake is the centerpiece and “brand” image of our City. It is also a “draw” that attracts families to our community to enjoy aquatic experiences, *i.e.*, including through waterfront- home access, easement access, swim-park access, and by visual scenic enjoyment of the Lake. Accordingly, Oswego Lake enhances the quality of our community life. The presence of the Lake, which is maintained by the Lake Oswego Corporation at an environmentally high water-quality level, also helps enhance and sustain strong property values in the City of Lake Oswego. This circumstance has significantly contributed to our tax base and, therefore, has afforded the City, and its public schools (operated by the Lake Oswego School District), to provide services, pursue programs, and make improvements that otherwise may not have been possible. We must continue to be responsible stewards of the Lake regarding water quality, esthetics and infrastructure. Preserving and protecting the Lake as a significant community asset must continue to be a long-term priority of the City, working cooperatively with the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city’s current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

I am a “shareholder” in the Lake Oswego Corporation, residing on Lakewood Bay (the house with the multi-colored chairs on the dock). I believe our current system of Lake access and allocation of the financial “burden” of maintaining the Lake is a sensible one. If one were planning the community of LO from “scratch,” a system of Lake access through waterfront homes, extensive easements deeded as property rights of certain land-locked homes, and public access through swim parks, strikes me as a good one; when balanced with the waterfront- and easement- access residents paying for maintenance, water-quality and safety of the Lake and with general City taxpayers not financially supporting the Lake itself. As reflected in my answer to question 2 above, culturally, historically, financially and politically, this distribution of Lake access and financial support have worked out well. I also believe the Lake has little capacity for heightened usage and additional water activity. Furthermore, the present access arrangement seemingly has contributed to enhanced “affordability” of housing and a greater range of housing prices in Lake Oswego, as residents who do not wish to pay their tax dollars to directly support the Lake, and who do not pay for residential property with Lake-access, may avoid such costs by not purchasing “Lake-access” residential property. Whether the Lake is viewed as “public” or “private,” access to the urban Lake must be limited in some fashion to protect and preserve the Lake. I support our City’s present Lake- access policy.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes, I support continuation of skillful management of the Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation (“LOC”). As Chair of the Planning Commission, guided by LOC representatives, I toured the infrastructure of the Lake with other Commissioners and was impressed with the complexity of systems as well as the professional approach of the LOC staff. Many people do not realize the extensive infrastructure underpinning the Lake and the cost and effort associated with keeping the Lake clean and maintained. The LOC has developed and demonstrated knowledge, experience and skill in managing the water quality of the Lake and safety on the Lake. The LOC has invested heavily in the Lake and its infrastructure. At the same time, utilizing its expertise, it has provided good, effective Lake management in a cost-efficient manner.

Please describe your views regarding the City’s role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

The City and LOC should work cooperatively together, and with the Oswego Lake Watershed Council (“OLWC”), to protect the Oswego Lake Watershed. I understand the OLWC was started with funding provided by the City. The overall health of the Watershed depends upon the actions of broad sections of, and many actors within, our community, as water runs over ground surfaces and through various streams and waterways heading toward the Lake. All those involved should collaborate on maintaining a healthy Oswego Lake Watershed, including focusing on maintaining watershed function and nature-friendly development practices in our City. I would like to help facilitate this stewardship as a Lake Oswego City Councilor.

Emma Burke

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

#1: Increase community engagement. A broad range of residents' perspectives allow for greater interest and investment in our community.

#2: Equity in municipal affairs. I'm passionate about finding opportunities to increase equity because multiple studies confirm the benefit it brings the entire community.

#3 and Beyond: Work hard to ensure that our community remains desirable and healthy.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake seems to be running well in its current system and I would engage with those who are more personally involved in order to form my opinions and make decisions as City Councilor.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city's current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

After taking the tour and learning A LOT more about the issues than I did previously, I understand and appreciate why the Lake Corp operates how it does and now feel broader access would be disruptive to current maintenance, without measures in mitigate that. That said, I love to kayak, and know many who enjoy stand up paddle boarding, it would be nice to have an opportunity to engage in those activities that have less impact on the lake than powered vehicles.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

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Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

I appreciate the current role the watershed partners perform for our environment. I would want to enhance opportunities for community engagement by first raising awareness. If elected as City Councilor, I will work hard to ensure greater resident involvement for these issues.

Jackie Manz

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

- A. Maintain excellent fiscal management of the City.
- B. Increase and maintain City-wide bike and pedestrian pathway and trail additions, especially along the Willamette River.
- C. Complete and close downtown LO Urban Renewal District.
- D. Boones Ferry Road build-out

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

- A. Maintaining excellent fiscal management brings value and security to homeowners around the city.
- B. Increasing and maintain city-wide bike and pedestrian pathways and trails promotes healthy, safe and active living and recreation and provides value. The Willamette is a particular interest to me.
- C. Completing the civic center will close out the downtown Urban Renewal District, adding additional tax dollars for infrastructure and capital projects.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city's current lake access policy? (A) Do you support broader access? (B) Please explain your answer.

- A. Yes.
- B. It would depend on the project. For example, if it were involving the Swim Park, perhaps. Otherwise, I support the current city lake access policy.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

- A. Yes, I support the continuation of the LOC's management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake. LOC have been good stewards of a difficult body of water, both environmentally and financially.

Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

- A. Our watershed is a shared resource and concern. The city has been actively updating stormwater requirements and infrastructure, educating citizens on the merits of natural gardens and what not to put into the storm drains. To that end, LOC has been an excellent partner.

Donald Mattersdorff

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

I would like to see a better transportation plan - one which better accommodates pedestrians, bikes, scooters, and the like. I think that traffic in Lake Oswego has become bad and is likely to get worse if we don't take steps to mitigate car traffic and make Lake Oswego more accessible to other modes of transportation. All of our neighboring communities have done more in this department than we have. I also stand for reducing our municipal debt, which skyrocketed over the last ten years. I would like to reserve more open space for parks and recreation, before all of the land is developed.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

The lake is an important asset to Lake Oswego. I think that the lake adds prestige and charm to our whole city, not just to the homes which are actually on the lake.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city's current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

Yes, I support the current policy, and will continue to do so if elected as a counselor.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes. I'm not a water engineer, but I think that the Lake Corporation has done a good job. I don't know who else could manage the lake. The city will not do it - certainly not to the same high standards - and I think it is fanciful to consider that the state might do it.

Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Well, the watershed consists broadly of the numerous small streams which drain into the lake, including (I think) the Tualatin River. I don't think that the city itself budgets a lot for the watershed. (I will admit that I am not an expert on the question.) The Lake Corporation manages the lake. The Lake Oswego Watershed Council does its best to clear invasives from the streams and to keep the watershed healthy.

As long as this arrangement continues and the parties continue to work well together, keeping the lake healthy, I will be happy. I support the stance of the city when it joined with the Lake Corporation in the recent court case.

Massene Mboup

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

My top priorities are: Education, Infrastructure, and Socioeconomic diversity.

Education:

Our schools are excellent, and attract many economic opportunities for Lake Oswego. I believe that as a city council member it is imperative that our schools are advocated for and that we work with the school board because we are a collective group with extensive expertise. My sons both went through the LO public schools and I can see the immense value they add to our community.

Infrastructure:

Our city needs improvements. Urban renewal projects like Lake Grove are vital to keeping our city growing, ensuring safety for those using alternate modes of transit, and I am committed to using our funding structures wisely and efficiently to ensure the best outcomes for all our citizens.

Socioeconomic diversity:

I believe that people who work in Lake Oswego should be able to live in Lake Oswego. From our teachers, to firefighters, to the bank tellers, and baristas. Everyone that brings vitality to our city should share in living here as well. The immeasurable value our laborers, city servants, and small business owners bring to our community should be celebrated within Lake Oswego.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

The lake itself is a privately-owned city landmark. As such, until the ruling from the supreme court comes down I believe things are better as they are sufficiently managed.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city's current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

No, I do not support broader access because I believe that there are multiple environmental, safety and congestion concerns that would arise.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes, I do. Lake Oswego Corp has done a skillful job in maintaining the lake and at this time there is a case pending in the supreme court and we will honor the ruling and outcome of the decision.

Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

The city and Lake Corp have to work together; it's really that simple narrative that I will bring to the council. We cannot simply say that's it's all or nothing where the watershed is concerned and I would seek a collaborative relationship with Lake Corp when elected. The city and Lake Corp should work together when it comes to managing the watershed.

Daniel Nguyen

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

My top priorities are housing options for all stages of life, attracting new families and businesses to Lake Oswego to provide additional tax funding vital to the financial stability of our community, and strategic planning for development and density in our neighborhoods.

When I talk with voters at the door people are concerned about the financing of city maintenance projects and how to supplement those costs. As a small business owner, I understand the bottom line and the need to generate creative approaches to gain more funding. If the City is not proactive, we run the risk of burdening citizens with additional costs, especially those on a fixed income.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is the gem of our community and must be protected. When we talk about business development and housing, for example, we need need to consider what those implications mean as far as keeping the integrity of the surrounding environment and how the citizen's interact with the Lake.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city's current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

The decades of maintenance and stewardship that the Lake Oswego Corporation has provided has been an incredibly valuable contribution to the community and does not go unnoticed. As an elected official I intend to be open to dialogue on all issues that are important to our community, and access to the lake certainly qualifies. I would like to have the LO Corporation as a full partner in any of those conversations.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes, I do support the management of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation. The 70 years of successful management of Oswego Lake and partnership with the city is proof the LOC is the right organization to continue managing this treasured community asset.

Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

The City plays a significant role in protecting our watershed and the LOC should be a partner in protecting and maintaining the watershed. I like the work of the LO Sustainability Network and the Lake Oswego Watershed Council. I would like to see more community awareness and stewardship of all our natural spaces. I want to see the award winning work of our Water Conservation Program continue. We won the Silver Award this year, let's see if we can win the Gold next year. Further, we need to maintain tree ordinances so we don't lose this important filter for our air and watersheds.

John Wendland

Please list your top priorities if elected to the office you are seeking. Please be specific.

The theme of my campaign is “Let’s Keep Our Edge”. Lake Oswego is running well under current Council leadership. My goal is to keep our vibrant city moving forward with measured progress done right. Lake Oswego is one of many choices in the Metro area for people to live and businesses to operate.

My top priorities are:

- Prioritize our schools and the safety and security of our neighborhoods.
- Constantly take care of and improve our infra-structure to attract families and new businesses.
- Support our parks, the arts, and recreational facilities.
- Continue the collaborative nature of the current Council and get things done.
- Have the City serve its constituents – residents, businesses, organizations – with top level customer service and efficiency.
- Develop a City/School wide comprehensive plan for updated recreational facilities to meet the needs of all users.
- Show fiscal responsibility by having reserves and living within our means.
- Support the proper execution and development of the North Anchor and Boones Ferry plans to provide new economic engines to our existing infrastructure.

Please describe how Oswego Lake fits into these priorities and into your long-term vision for the City of Lake Oswego.

Oswego Lake is one of the “Crown jewels” of our city. It is part of our history and embedded culture and needs to remain so. It is important to understand the economic and environmental value of our lake to our community. Enhancing and protecting the lake through sound policy decisions, infrastructure investment, and a strong working relationship with the City is my vision.

Given the history and background noted above, do you support the city’s current lake access policy? Do you support broader access? Please explain your answer.

I fully support the current lake access policy. I do not support broader access. The Lake Corp should drive policy. I publicly stated so as Chair of the School Board in 2012 before the City Planning Commission and the City Council. I have appendixes below of both a letter sent to Council and my testimony given to the Commission and submitted. My views have not changed.

The reasons for my viewpoint are economics, safety, environmental, and history:

- Economically, Oswego Lake is a catalyst for high real estate values. Changing the paradigm with increased access would adversely affect property values. This would negatively impact City revenues and would severely impact the Local Option revenue for the Lake Oswego School District which accounts for around 12% of their total budget. It would not only impact Lake and easement property values, but the entire city property valuations. It would be a financial disaster for the community.

- Opening the lake would also raise safety concerns with increased lake activity and use, but also crime and vandalism. Presently, the number of lake users is near capacity and all are licensed and or registered users. Adding more users would increase safety risk especially with increased SUP use by present shareholders. Most lake properties were designed and built based on the lake being private. Having public access would substantially increase the opportunity for robbery and vandalism due to many lake properties having direct access to the water. Presently and historically, the safety records are high and crime records are very low for Oswego Lake and should remain so under current lake access policy.
- From an environmental standpoint, the shareholders have invested millions of dollars and resources on a consistent basis to ensure an elevated level of water and environmental quality for Oswego Lake. If public access were to occur, there are no identified public resources available to ensure a continued investment in the lake and would change the dynamics of funding by shareholders. Again, environmentally, a losing proposition.
- Historically, the Lake has been private and operated by the Lake Corp since 1942. There is no compelling reason to change. There is no up swelling of citizen unrest for change. In fact, on the contrary, people have made decisions for 76 years to live in Lake Oswego based on the current premise and city policy.

Do you support the continuation of over 70 years of management of the lakebed of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation? Please provide a yes or no answer and explain your position.

Yes, I fully support management of Oswego Lake by the Lake Oswego Corporation.

- The Lake Corp has made great strategic decisions by hiring a Lake Manager and professionally running the lake with active Board oversight and open communication.
- The safety record of the lake is admirable, and the Lake Patrol provides the necessary check and balance of keeping property secure and water safety at the forefront.
- The financial prowess of the Lake Corp Board has been spot on in addressing water quality, dock facilities, infrastructure, and social functions in a fiscally responsible manner.

The water quality has improved and is closely monitored and managed by science professionals that understand the entire watershed and ecological balances and cycles of lake life.

Please describe your views regarding the City's role in protecting our watershed and how that role should intersect with the role of the Lake Oswego Corporation.

Oswego Lake is an important and integral part of our City. Protecting the Lake's watershed must be a City-wide effort in partnership with the Lake Corp, residents, businesses, and government entities including the City, County, and School District.

- The City must ensure that any policy decisions effecting the watershed are communicated to the Lake Corp for input and feedback.
- Since the lake is essentially the catch basin for City water runoff, education of responsible water use needs to be part of the environmental efforts of City communication and practices. The City must also enforce watershed infractions.
- The prior educational partnership between the Lake Corp, City, Schools, and Tryon Creek Park that provided science classes on how the watershed works and the importance of clean water management helped expand resident's knowledge and hopefully daily practices. Learning early

“bakes” in good practices and has a ripple effect throughout the community. It should be re-explored to see if it can be re-ignited.

- City staff and Lake Corp management should have a close working relationship to ensure key elements of watershed management are identified and dealt with efficiently and proactively (i.e. sewer, water, runoff, construction effects, etc.).

Appendix One – Letter submitted to City Council as Chair of School board on District Letterhead

January 31, 2012

To Mayor Hoffman and City Councilors,

On behalf of the Lake Oswego School District, Lake Grove Swim Park, and as a community partner within our city, I am writing to you to share our concerns regarding allowing public access to Oswego Lake. There are two primary concerns.

First, the district’s local option levy, which assesses local property values, is a key funding mechanism for our operating budget which accounts for approximately 10% of our revenues. A change in lake access would likely have a negative impact on local property values, thereby decreasing local option revenues. As you are all aware from our previous discussions and your incredibly generous support this year, educational funding is at an all-time low and our reliance on the local option levy is paramount in maintaining our quality schools for the children of Lake Oswego.

Secondly, as the operator of the Lake Grove Swim Park, the school district is the steward of an important community asset and has a responsibility to maintain conditions that protect the viability of this asset, as well as the safety and well-being of students and families who use this facility and support its maintenance via tax assessments. A change in lake access would have a direct impact on swim park conditions.

We hope that you will carefully consider our concerns while making important decisions regarding lake assess.

Sincerely,

John Wendland
School Board Chair

Appendix Two – Testimony to the Planning Commission as Chair of School Board along with Superintendent Bill Korach who also spoke to the Planning Commission

Good evening Commissioners and thank you for allowing our testimony this evening.

My name is John Wendland. I reside at 15495 Village Drive, Lake Oswego, OR and am a member of an easement.

However, I am here tonight in my elected capacity as Chair of the Lake Oswego School Board and also as Chair of the Lake Grove Swim Park Board of Directors.

The Community of Lake Oswego has many crown jewels. Our School District is ranked among the best in the state and nation. We have a vibrant arts community with Lakewood Center leading the way. We have an active and well developed City Park and Recreation program, a thriving Senior Center, a flourishing library, a strong Chamber and business community. We have involved neighborhood associations, and we have Oswego Lake that anchors our community. Each of these outstanding jewels is a component of the whole, that when combined, make this community a very desirable and attractive place to live and work.

It also creates the conditions for higher property values. A key funding mechanism for the School District is the local option levy. With generous community support, our citizens have approved time and time again our local option levy which accounts for over 10% of our operating budget. As I am sure you are all aware, educational funding is at an all-time low and our reliance on the local option levy is paramount to maintaining our quality schools for the children of Lake Oswego -- All 6,776 of them. Public Access to Oswego Lake will negatively impact property values, thereby decreasing local option revenues, and will negatively impact the education of Lake Oswego's children. It is that simple.

In my capacity as Chair of the Board for the Lake Grove Swim Park, our Board has the responsibility to maintain the conditions that protect the viability of this important community asset. We also must protect the safety and well-being of the children and families who use this facility. We currently have controlled conditions by having Oswego Lake private. Public access to Oswego Lake would adversely impact these controlled conditions. Costs for operating the park would likely increase, and the safety of our patrons could be compromised with uncontrolled conditions.

I am limited in time this evening, but I do want to offer this observation as someone that is very involved in and connected to this community. I have not heard of any ground swell of grass roots support for this issue, I do not believe there are budgetary needs surrounding this issue, and I do not feel there is any appetite within this community to even consider this issue.

I most respectfully ask this Commission to remove any and all public lake access dialogue and action from your deliberations and future discussions. Please do so quickly and in a timely manner for the children and families of Lake Oswego and patrons of the Lake Grove Swim Park.

Thank you very much.