

Current Milwaukie Resident
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Work with other Milwaukie residents to examine an important question of City policy, and make recommendations to the Milwaukie City Council.

Your household is one of 5,000 that was randomly selected to receive this letter. You may have the chance to serve on a unique "Citizens Jury" for the City of Milwaukie.

If you reply to this letter – and if you are randomly selected from among everyone who replies – you will participate in a new way of engaging Milwaukie residents with their City. As one of a panel of 20 residents, you will review research and question experts. Then, you will provide recommendations to the City Council.

What Is the Topic of This Citizens Jury?

The Citizen Jury will consider this question: Should Milwaukie City Council members and the Mayor be paid more than their current volunteer stipends? If so, how much should they be paid?

When:	Sat.–Sun., Aug. 10–11 and Sat.–Sun., Aug. 17–18 , 9AM–5PM, and Mon., Aug. 19 , 9AM–12:30PM
Where:	Clackamas Community College, Harmony Campus 7726 SE Harmony Rd Milwaukie, OR 97222
Stipend:	\$250 + expenses (see over)
How:	Reply by July 17, 2019 – online at healthydemocracy.org/milwaukie or by mail on the enclosed forms.

What Is a Citizens Jury?

This is a different kind of jury – it's not in a courtroom and doesn't hear criminal cases. Instead, Citizens Juries bring together groups of everyday people to examine important public issues. These are residents just like you, who are randomly selected to create a group that is reflective of the general public (in terms of age, gender, political party, etc.). Citizens Juries are professionally facilitated and follow a detailed format to ensure fairness and productivity. They are specifically designed to reduce the influence of political bias and instead put the focus on evidence. Independent research has shown they handle complex policy questions both fairly and effectively.

Who Is Conducting This Citizens Jury and Why?

This program is a partnership between the City of Milwaukie and an Oregon-based, nonpartisan nonprofit organization called Healthy Democracy. Healthy Democracy works to find new ways for the public to participate in decision-making. We are strictly politically neutral and have a decade of experience in designing Citizens Juries in Oregon. We are best known for the Citizens' Initiative Review, where randomly selected voters evaluate ballot measures and provide voter information for the Oregon voters' pamphlet. The Milwaukie Citizens Jury is a pilot project, which is funded by a local foundation. It will develop a new model for public involvement at the local level. It is the first of its kind in Oregon – so, as a panelist, you would be making history.

Who Is Eligible? How Will Panelists Be Selected?

To be eligible to participate, you must:

- Live at the address on this letter.
- Be 16 years of age or older on Aug. 10, 2019.
- Be available on each day of the Citizens Jury, at the times listed on the previous page.
- Not be a current employee of the City of Milwaukie or a current/former elected official, and not be part of the same household as someone who is either of these.
- Not have signed a petition, written a letter or article, or provided public testimony related to the topic of the Citizens Jury.
- **Reply by July 17** – using the enclosed forms or online at healthydemocracy.org/milwaukie

Citizen panelists will be selected from among all the replies to this mailing. This is a randomized process that chooses a cross-section of Milwaukie residents. Your responses will be made anonymous, and will only be used to select this Citizens Jury.

If Selected, What Will I Receive as a Citizen Panelist?

- A \$250 stipend, paid at the end of your 4½ days of service.
- Catered lunches each day, plus refreshments.
- Reimbursement for childcare expenses, if needed.
- Transit passes or travel reimbursement at the federal mileage rate (\$0.58/mile).
- A one-of-a-kind experience in democracy – the opportunity to work with your fellow Milwaukie residents to directly influence City policy.

When Will I Know If I Am Selected for the Panel? What Happens Next?

Panelists will be chosen at a public event, July 18 at City Hall. Selected panelists will be contacted on July 19, and we will ensure all your questions are answered and needs are met.

Can More Than One Person Reply from My Household?

Absolutely. In fact, we encourage all available members of your household, aged 16 and up, to reply. No two members from the same household will be chosen, but the more replies, the more representative the jury will be. Four response forms are enclosed, and you may make more copies. **Just remember: everyone who replies must currently live at the address on this letter.**

How Will My Privacy Be Ensured?

The privacy of your information will be strictly protected. Your full name, contact info, and demographic info will be known only to project staff. Although the Citizens Jury is a public meeting, only panelists' first names and last initials are ever used. No observers or media are allowed to interact with the panel until after the final day – and only then with your permission. The event will be livestreamed on the internet, but panelists' faces will never be shown.

What If I Have Additional Questions?

For further information about being a panelist or about the Citizens Jury process, please contact Healthy Democracy at info@healthydemocracy.org or (503) 841-6865. For further information about the question to be considered by the Citizens Jury, please contact City of Milwaukie Public Affairs Specialist Jordan Imlah at imlahj@milwaukieoregon.gov or (503) 786-7503.

Thank you in advance for serving on behalf of your fellow Milwaukie residents.

Sincerely,



Linn Davis
Project Manager
Healthy Democracy



Robin Teater
Executive Director
Healthy Democracy

Citizens Jury Panelist Response Forms

PLEASE COMPLETE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD AGED 16 & UP.

Forms must be **received by July 17**. Or complete them online at: healthydemocracy.org/milwaukie

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Name:	Highest education level attained?	
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