



October 13, 2020

Current Eugene Resident
<Address Line 1>
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Work with other Eugene residents to advise City officials on an important housing policy question.

**Mail your reply by Oct. 23
Or reply online by Oct. 29**
at healthydemocracy.org/eugene

Your household is one of 7,500 that was randomly selected to receive this letter.
You may have the chance to serve on Eugene's first-ever public Review Panel.
The City of Eugene invites you to reply. We need all kinds of people to participate!

If you reply to this letter – and if you are selected by lottery from among everyone who replies – you will participate in a new kind of democracy: a **first-of-its-kind Review Panel of 30 Eugene residents from all walks of life**. You will review an important issue and provide recommendations to City officials. Your unique perspective is vital.

What Is the Topic of This Review Panel?

First off, don't worry – you do not need to know anything about this topic now. You'll be working with your fellow Panelists to learn all you can during the Panel.

Here are the details: Last year, the Oregon Legislature passed a law called **HB 2001, which mandates that all cities in Oregon expand the types of housing they allow, to increase the housing supply in cities**. For example, Cities must now allow duplexes in all areas that allow single-family homes. Eugene has until 2022 to comply with the law, but it's not that simple. The City could comply with the law in many different ways. It'll be your job – if you're randomly selected for the Panel – to advise the City on how it should move forward, within the requirements set by the law. More details: healthydemocracy.org/eugene

What Is a Review Panel?

This is a different kind of democratic process. A Review Panel brings together **a group of everyday people to examine an important public issue**. These are residents just like you, who are randomly selected but also reflective of the general public, in terms of age, gender, location, race, and other factors. They're **like a city in one room**. Review Panels are professionally facilitated and follow a detailed format to ensure fairness and productivity. They are designed to reduce the influence of political bias and instead put the focus on collaborative problem solving and evidence. Academic research has shown that they handle complex policy questions effectively and fairly.

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| When: | Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-8:30PM: Nov. 10, 12, 17 & 24, Dec. 1 & 3 Saturdays, 9:30AM-noon: Nov. 14 & 21, Dec. 5 Plus five evenings in early 2021. |
| Where: | Online (support provided, as needed) |
| Stipend: | \$560 (~\$16/hour) |
| How: | Either reply using the enclosed form – postmark deadline: Oct. 23. Or reply online by Oct. 29 at healthydemocracy.org/eugene |

Who Is Conducting This Review Panel and Why?

This program is a partnership between the **City of Eugene** and an Oregon-based, nonpartisan nonprofit called **Healthy Democracy**, which works to find new ways for the public to participate in decision-making. Healthy Democracy has more than a decade of experience in designing Review Panels in Oregon. They are best known for the Citizens' Initiative Review, where randomly selected Oregonians evaluate ballot measures and provide voter information for the state voters' pamphlet.

The Eugene Review Panel on HB 2001 is funded by the City of Eugene, with support from the State of Oregon, Healthy Democracy, and local foundations. In addition to providing the City with advice on this important topic, this project will help develop a new model for public involvement in city planning. **It is the first of its kind in Oregon – 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, and be 16 years of age or older on Nov. 10, 2020.
- Be available on each day of the Review Panel, at the times listed on the previous page.
- Not be a current employee of the City of Eugene, or a current elected official.
- **Either mail your reply by Oct. 23, or reply at healthydemocracy.org/eugene by Oct. 29.**

Panelists will be selected from among all the replies to this mailing. This is a randomized process that chooses a cross-section of Eugene residents. Panelists will be selected at a public event, to be broadcast live online on October 30. Selected Panelists will be notified by November 2. Your personal information is kept strictly anonymous throughout. See more info on privacy below.

If Selected, What Will I Receive as a Panelist?

- **A \$560 stipend.** (Paid in two installments: \$350 after the Panel's first 22 hours of work in November and December, then \$210 after the Panel's final 13 hours of work in early 2021.)
- **One-on-one tech support** and loaner technology, if required. (Everyone will be able to participate, no matter their familiarity with computers or access to technology.)
- **A one-of-a-kind experience in democracy** – the opportunity to work with your fellow Eugene residents to directly influence City policy.

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 Panel 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?

Your personal information will be known only to project staff. Although parts of the Review Panel will be live streamed, Panelists may choose to hide their video, and only first names will be used.

What If I Have Additional Questions?

For further information about being a Panelist or about the Review Panel process, please contact Healthy Democracy at info@healthydemocracy.org or (503) 841-6865.

Thank you in advance for your service to the people of Eugene.

Sincerely,



Linn Davis
Program Mgr., Healthy Democracy



Terri Harding
Principal Planner, City of Eugene

Panelist Response Forms

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

Forms must be *in the mail* by **Oct. 23**. Or reply online by Oct. 29 at: healthydemocracy.org/eugene

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| Address: <Full Address> | | Code: <code> |
| My household <input type="checkbox"/> Owns <input type="checkbox"/> Rents this residence. | Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Another gender identity | Age: |
| Name: | | |
| Phone: | Which best describes how you primarily identify? <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latina/o (of any race) <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial | |
| Email: | | |
| Please initial each of the statements below: ___ I am <i>not</i> a current employee of the City of Eugene. ___ I am <i>not</i> a current elected official in any political office. ___ I will be present for the <i>entire</i> Panel: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-8:30PM: Nov. 10, 12, 17 & 24, Dec. 1 & 3 Saturdays, 9:30AM-noon: Nov. 14 & 21, Dec. 5 Plus five evenings in early 2021. I understand that missing any of the sessions in Nov. or Dec. may disqualify me from continuing as a Panelist. | | Do you experience a disability? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | | Highest education level attained? <input type="checkbox"/> Some schooling but no diploma <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma or equivalent <input type="checkbox"/> Some college or Associate's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree or higher |
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