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A healthy community begins with input

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We invite all Clackamas County citizens to join us for our Community Congress VI, May 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at **Clackamas Community College**.

Complete Communities for Clackamas County is a forum where residents, business people and elected leaders have come together to identify issues of concern and agree on solutions. At our next forum May 16, the topic is healthy communities. We are looking forward to another opportunity to listen and work together.

Defining and ensuring healthy communities in Clackamas County will take hard work, creativity, and innovation from all of us, especially in these difficult times. We have risen to the challenges in the past and are confident that, working together, we can do it again. At previous events, Congress participants have identified recommendations for governance, sustainability, land use, transportation and economic development actions that are underway today.

Clackamas County is dedicated to citizen engagement as a core principal of how we do business. It will take each sector and concerned citizens from each geographic area in the County to help ensure we reach the best future possible. Solutions will rely on our collective creativity. We will create a vision of a healthy Clackamas County and identify strategies to help reach our goals.

We invite all members of the Clackamas County community — youth, elders, working families, elected and appointed leaders, neighborhood residents and businesspeople. May 16 is also Oregon 150 Take Care of Oregon day. Please spend a portion of your day with us. We hope to see you there.

See www.co.clackamas.or.us/community to register for the Congress. For more information contact Barbara Smolak at 503-655-8552.

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