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Friends of Local Control Community Survey Results Summary

Friends of Local Control (FoLC) is a community group studying the feasibility of forming a city in the area between Milwaukie, Gladstone, the Willamette River and Oatfield Ridge. FoLC commissioned Intercept Research of Tigard, OR to poll registered voters in the study area to determine how they feel about governance issues and incorporation. The survey was paid for with local donations and matching funds from Clackamas County. This survey was conducted by telephone interview with 300 randomly selected participants who reside the FoLC study area. An equal number of men (150) and women (150) were interviewed. The reliability factor is + or - 5%. Below are summary results.

Support for Incorporation as a New City:

Favor 27%
Oppose 53%
Don't Know 19%

Preference for Governance:

Keep the area unincorporated 66%
Annex to Milwaukie 10%
Incorporate as a city 7%
Annex to Gladstone 4%
Don't know 12%

Preference for Incorporating or Annexing:

Form a new city 38%
Annex to an existing city 32%
Don't Know 30%

Satisfaction with Growth, Planning and Public Services:

Very Satisfied 35%
Somewhat Satisfied 46%
Not At All Satisfied 13%
Don't Know 6%

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Top 5 Reasons in Support of Incorporation:

- Create/better local control
- Stay independent/have our own identity/be our own city/area
- Would improve public services
- Would have a stronger voice/more input
- Improve/maintain streets/roads

Top 5 Reasons in Opposition of Incorporation:

- Would increase taxes/cost more/too much/waste of money/too expensive
- Would just be more government/too many rules/regulations/bureaucracies
- Like things the way they are/don't want change
- Lack of information/specifics/need to know more about it
- Our roads/water/services are already good/might be worse if we incorporate

Complete survey results are available online at www.friendsoflocalcontrol.org.

Friends of Local Control is very grateful to those individuals and businesses that made a financial contribution in support of commissioning this survey. We are also grateful to the Clackamas Board of County Commissioners for providing a matching grant. Without this support, the survey would not have been possible.

The mission of Friends of Local Control is to gather information and educate the Oak Lodge community about incorporation. We will continue to post relevant information on our web site, and continue to be a resource to the community. The group will look at the feasibility of incorporation again if interest is expressed by the community.

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