

Responses to Open-Ended Comments on the Draft Vision 2035 Survey

Introductory Statement

In 2035, Lake Oswego is a sustainable city, whose residents live in harmony with nature, meeting the community's needs today without compromising the needs of future generations. We are recognized for our quality of life, exceptional schools, and excellent local government. Our multigenerational neighborhoods, natural resources, vibrant mixed-use shopping and employment districts, and diverse services and activities are accessible to all.

Sustainability	stronger statement about environmental sustainability
	I am not in favor of "sustainable" as the key first adjective for Lake Oswego. Sustainability means different things to different people. If you don't intend to make it clear what you mean by this, take it out and focus on quality of life. People live, work in Lake Oswego for the quality of life not because it is "sustainable." This is an overused word and we need to stop preaching. "Without compromising the needs of future generations" - is misplaced and sounds defensive. I favor concrete descriptions and specific callouts such a variety of wonderful neighborhoods with unique features that maintain value to residents and continue to attract new residents. Describe the future downtown, describe Lake Grove, describe diverse services (do you mean a shuttle to and from west side/east side)? How do we live in harmony with nature? Concrete examples of what you mean would go a long way here.
	Sorry but that is too bold a claim. No community is truly sustainable - we import our food, export our garbage (a lot of it) and sewage and use more than our share of water. Perhaps we STRIVE to be sustainable and in harmony with nature but I doubt even that. I know few people here who are willing to make more than token sacrifice to achieve that goal.
	LO will always be an affluent community. We use more water than most, we build houses that are larger than most cities. I don't see us becoming sustainable without a major shift in our priorities. That's not to say sustainability is a goal but the city will need to make MAJOR changes in their mindset to achieve this goal.
	The opening sentence -- global environmental agenda-- no thanks. Does not reflect survey responses.
	Too many buzz words. Too much about sustainability, living in harmony. Sounds like something out of the UN play book
	In 2035, Lake Oswego is a sustainable city, whose residents are recognized for their outstanding stewardship of the natural resources and areas in their city and surrounding areas
	Eliminate the sustainable community part and living in harmony with nature.
Sustainability	not good at all. It is not possible for LO to be a "sustainable" city in 2035 by any definition, and its nonsensical to suggest that in 24 years we will be able to imply anything about what impacts the "needs of future generations." It's the role of state and federal governments to address air quality, land quality, water quality, not a small city that is part of a larger metro area. And what does "excellent local government" imply? That our system of local government is somehow better than other cities in Oregon? Sounds like government employees came up with catch phrase to me. I would delete this entire intro. It's pure puffery. for example, why need to call out multi-generational neighborhoodes? Is there one neighborhood now that doesn't have multiple generations in it? And what's the worry about "activities being available to all"? is there some fear that the Americans with Disabilities Act that all cities must comply with will not longer be in effect? We'd prefer a statement that said that LO was an interesting vibrant city that was doing all it could to protect what it has and focused on the citizens that are living in the city, there is no need to sell LO, just a need to protect what is here in terms of diverse neighborhood styles and a friendly community feel.
	Lake Oswego is not a sustainable city, it is merely a member of ICLE whose stated goal is to take all of our property rights away. We do not need anyone, especially a bunch of United Nations socialists to tell us how to landscape our yards. I have lived in this community longer than anyone on our city council, and you are ruining our town. Get rid of Sensitive Lands and Metro and we will be almost as great a community as we were when I first arrived in 1951.
	Provide definition of terms. Clarification as to what is meant by sustainable. Remove "multi-generational" from neighborhood description. Remove "vibrant, mixed use" from shopping and employment district description. Clarify what is meant by "diverse" activities and "accessible to all".
	Sustainable is too general of a term - what does it really mean? There is nothing about the economic health of the citizens. And, this still focuses on nature rather than the humans.
	The City has no business spending our tax dollars inflicting the false environmental religion on us!!!!
	Remove the word "sustainable". This is a "PC" word and has no material meaning unless you are a "greenie" who embraces global warming (oops, now "climate change" since climate-gate). Replace it with non PC words such as "very livable". Eliminate "excellent local government". Self praise by the local politicians does not make it so. I've never had anyone mention a word to me about the excellence of our local government.
	Eliminate the word "diverse". This is another "PC code word" for ethnic activities. It is not true. Use "variety of services" instead.
Harmony in Nature	There's a lot of fluff in this statement. We live in harmony with nature? What does that mean? I don't think we are a sustainable remove "harmony with nature"
	We should have open spaces/parks for a majority of our wildlife. Not everyone wants to "live in harmony WITH nature. My children's safety is far more important to me than inviting raccoons, coyotes and disease carrying squirrels onto my property.
	Strike "...whose residents live in harmony with nature..." The statement is generally well conceived, but that line (appearing to almost have been casually inserted) recalls visions of teepees and cave-dwelling. I intend to live in a sustainable city, yes
	Whatever "harmony with nature" means....I think LO has gone overboard with the tree emphasis.
	last sentence a little awkward - and don't know what accessible to all means - transportation, financially, or just a feel good
	your statement starts with harmony with nature which present city council would interpret to mean more city control of private We don't live in harmony with nature. too many cars not enough animals. delete that sentence as I don't see it changing

Multigenerational	Most question arises from the final sentence. I would delete "multigenerational"; such fails to recognize that some population groups prefer environments such as those found at Mary's Woods. And, that some populations require services in a proximity quite close to their homes whereas, some prefer such services to be located in town center type areas. Seemingly such also assumes that all neighborhoods should have within their boundaries commercial areas. Additionally, what is meant by "accessible to all"? Is such a Metro-like definition which designates all economic levels to be provided for in like percentages across the region?
	... our multigenerational, intercultural and, varying socio-economic neighborhoods,
	I agree we should have 'multigenerational' neighborhoods, but it seems strange that it is the only aspect of or neighborhoods included in the vision. As if to suggest it the only goal or the most important goal for our neighborhoods. Perhaps a more inclusive term could be used?
	The vision statement should include "multigenerational and ethnically diverse neighborhoods". It should also recognize the contribution of the City's highly educated and skilled social capital, and importance of leveraging it to maintain the City's character.
	Provide definition of terms. Clarification as to what is meant by sustainable. Remove "multi-generational" from neighborhood description. Remove "vibrant, mixed use" from shopping and employment district description. Clarify what is meant by "diverse" activities and "accessible to all".
	I like the use of the adjective "multigenerational" and think that should stay, but it seems like "multicultural" is a big missing component. Lake Oswego would be a better community if we had more cultural diversity.
	There is no recognition of our unique neighborhoods. What is a multigenerational neighborhood? What about the character of the City now? Is this vision a vision of a Canadian City? What about this vision makes LO unique from Beaverton? Hillsboro?
Parks	city provides recreation opportunities
	Beautiful parks, natural areas and outdoor playspaces.
Connections	The city is a collection of 20 minute walkable neighborhoods. The health, cultural, spiritual, educational, and economic needs of the city's residents are met within the city. The environmental footprint of city residents is among the lowest environmental footprint in the nation.
	A Farmer's Market and Community Gardens at the West End Building. A Library at the West End Building. Lots and lots of connecting bike and walking paths. I would ride everywhere with my bike bags if I felt much safer doing it.
	we have limited public transportation and bike access on the major roads to Portland, As much as I value the community and appreciate the parks and good will efforts - such as Farmers market - we cannot claim the title of sustainable when we are not dealing
Schools	Outstanding schools needs to be repeated in the last sentence since it appeared often and was very highly rated in the survey.
	We are recognized for our exceptional schools, recreation opportunities, and diverse housing accessible to multi-generation
	The current trend is decreasing school enrollment as the population increases in age (less households with children). Continue to emphasize schools, but don't expect multigenerational neighborhoods to develop.
Other	This is not a vision of 2035 it describes what already exists in 2010. Seems like it could also describe anywhere USA so what's the point. The whole process so far has been a waste of time and money..
	Include Oswego Lake in the Sensitive Lands Inventory and open it up to public access from City owned lakefront property.
	Although important, not sure places are ever recognized for having an "excellent local government".
	In 2035 Lake Oswego is a compassionate city whose residents aspire to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of ev
	Needs to state that all/any of the above were achieved while respecting private property rights.
	We should say something about the safety provided by the police and fire depts.
	Mixed-use shopping---the new development that was completed at the corner of A ave. and State street brought LO into the realm of shopping mall vs. small charming town. It seems more a satellite to Bridgeport than a unique town, due to the choice of chain shops such as Chico's, sur la table, etc. If we develop another part of the town for shopping, restaurants, etc, I would like to see more individual businesses instead of chains. A bookstore would be great.
	Include a statement that emphasizes the value the City places on historic preservation, defined as the built historic environment.
	no comment
	We love it!!!!!!! It is exactly why we moved to LO 5 yrs. ago.
	Good vision statement.
	I'd like the city to encourage a stronger and diverse business base that will provide employment to all residents of L.O.
	that are selling communism as a life style. I was at the meeting in Oct. and that was expressed my most of the people in attendance.
	Too general a statement. Translate this into reality. There is no way one could be "against" such a statement. These statements
	I think we are compromising the needs of both current and future generations by a growing inability to provide affordable housing.
	Might as well shoot for the sky.
	emphasize that economic vitality drives environmental quality
I think it is very human-centric, and I would like to see more acknowledgement of the "needs" of the natural environment, including urban wildlife.	
Need goals for citizen involvement with inclusive government. No mention of individual? Where are people, how are people included as individuals?	
The statement is unclear and disjointed which makes it confusing, overall. Parks, green spaces, great schools, accessible shopping, business corridors, small town atmosphere are closer to the words and feelings used in the survey. Sustainable city means one that can feed and care for itself, the survey was based more on keeping the town literally green with the cultivation of an open space plan.	

Action Area: Community Culture

Our educational, cultural and recreational opportunities strengthen the social fabric of the community. Residents are proud of our top-rated schools and many cultural and recreational amenities. The City's award-winning library and parks system provide programs, special events and community facilities for all ages and interests. Public art and historic resources enrich our cultural identity.

Schools	Education should be primary goal. Public art is unnecessary.
	It is shallow to believe that things like "public art" compare with schools as a priority.
	I agree, but also would like to note we need to prioritize during tough economic times. Providing a top notch education is more important than adding or upgrading the existing social fabric.
	Our schools may be top rated based on Oregon State standards, but since Oregon rates 43rd in the nation, it isn't much to brag upon. We also spend more per student than our bottom of the barrel stats would indicate.
	The School system has over spent on building, sport fields recently and now have come to the conclusion that we do not have enough students and may have to close one of the High Schools.
	I'm not sure what is meant by "top-rated" schools. I would prefer "high quality" schools without an emphasis on being competitive.
Social Fabric	"strengthen the social fabric of the community".... a bit of a stretch don't you think?
	Remove "social fabric". Delete "award-winning" from library...It's a hokey "#1" award we continue to lay claim . Include, something substantive about "civic engagement" and citizen involvement.
	Enough of the "social fabric nonsense. We don't want social engineering. We want capitalism. It's not that hard to figure out.
Historic Resources	Stronger wording on preserving our rich history and dwindling historic resources.
	Stronger emphasis on historic preservation coming from City officials -- an understanding among ALL City officials that persons owning historic property have an obligation to act as stewards of that property. Draw up a Proclamation, to be posted in City Hall and distributed City-wide, that Lake Oswego values its historic built environment to such an extent that inappropriate remodeling and demolition will not be tolerated.
	What historic resources? They all get torn down.
	Could we add language about being committed to preserving historical resources?
Arts	add support for the performing arts, please. Lakewood Center is a gem that is under advertised/promoted.
	The one time a year festival of the Arts could lead into a more regular community sponsored art venue , and we have the space to do it.
	real art is wonderful throughout the city...but..stacks of tires and baskets of mult colored balls and odd steel unrecognizable structures DO NOT REGISTER OR REPRESENT REAL ART! please stick with recognizable statues and figures which are a beautiful addition.
	We are going to have to spend less on art and more on core services.
	What cultural amenities besides the performing arts center and outdoor sculptures? This statement gives the impression that we are a polished up Brooklyn, NY. Library and parks are important yet this statement says almost nothing on what these will look like in 2035. Again, confusing and vague statements that give the impression the Comprehensive Planning Committee does not yet understand what the vision looks like.
Rewording	Educational, cultural and economic opportunities are available for the entire age and economic spectrum of citizens.
	Our educational, cultural and recreational opportunities strengthen the social fabric of the community and support the ability of each individual to make improvements in their own lives and positive contributions to the lives of their friends, neighbors and community at large.
	The City's award-winning library community center, and parks system provide programs...
	The use of the term "cultural identity" is overreaching. countries have cultures, not small cities in a metro area. We have a "community." use that word, not "cultural identity." This section contains super-snouty terms: "top-rated", 'award winning", is this a vision statement or a giant self-pat on the back?
	Are the tenses correct in the 3rd sentence? Shouldn't it be one of these: 1. The City's award-winning library and parks system provides programs.. 2. The City's award-winning library and parks systems provide programs...
	Replace "cultural identity" with "lives".
Other	This reads like a travel brochure.
	LO Reads, Farmer's market, local summer concerts,.... Where's the concrete examples?
	SAME as # 1
	The statement above is propaganda. There is a big gap between City published materials and the way thing really are. Eliminate the expensive PR employee and hire people who will inform us rather than deceive us.
	Enough with the "award-winning" library. Have any CAC members closely examined the nature of the "award" we regularly receive? I have. Delete "award-winning".
	Our city feels that it must compete w/ industry in this space. Why public recreational facilities that will take public \$s to build, which will still charge usage fees, must be available is confusing. Why not put something in here about partnering with industry to provide recreational resources?
	Events are not fairly distributed in all parks and everything is too consolidated in downtown LO
	We continue to invest in these amenities for future generations.
	This seems like a "today" not a "future" statement. Do we want to aspire to be more of a center for specific types of art, or recognized as a "boutique" art suburb of Portland?
	There should be reference to the programs promoting neighborhood social connections, and being easily accessible by all residents. (the library etc. are not currently) Also the the programs etc. should be for all ethnicities and not only all age groups.
	None.
	I believe that the proposed library location is inconvenient for a majority of residents just as the present one is:(
	Should provide community gardens throughout the city on the unused school property.
Is "community facility" a planned community center?	

Action Area: Complete Neighborhoods and Housing

We have attractive and compatible housing that serves a range of ages, incomes and households. Our distinct and walkable neighborhoods contribute to the city's small town feel. Mixed-use districts enhance adjacent residential areas by providing access to quality jobs, housing, transit, entertainment, services, and shopping. Higher density housing integrated along transportation corridors and town centers, preserves the character of our neighborhoods.

Density	The battle to keep our neighborhoods from being invaded by high density housing has been on-going for many, many years and we are not going to allow that to happen now because the current Mayor is a proponent of it. Forget the idea!
	The city is pushing more high density into single family neighborhoods. This does not preserve the character of our neighborhoods. For example the Trillium Woods development in the Waluga Neighborhood.
	Lake Oswego should encourage new higher density housing outside existing neighborhoods. In-fill in existing neighborhoods should be discouraged as it creates pockets of inconsistent livability.
	Don't like the section about transit corridors and high density housing--this seems counter to what LO is all about.
	Eliminate the higher density housing. That's a Portland goal.
	Our vision of LO is not to have high density housing along transportation corridors. All of us need access to transit. the priority should be on providing transit to existing neighborhoods and not on how to provide transit to new housing. The vision should be on better serving the existing population and not the supposed new development that may or may not happen. Protect what we have, improve transit around the city. Integrate new development throughout the city, and not just along "transit corridors." that implies to many that there will be high rises and a trolley along Hwy 43, and yet what will be done for the rest of the city?
	I support green spaces and some lower density housing between neighborhoods and shopping districts to provide relief from string-street development that can result from "higher density housing integrated along transportation corridors."
	I do not envision high density housing in LO. As far as aging in place when people say that they in general mean being able to afford to stay in their own home - not a senior high rise.
	Higher density housing will change the character of the neighborhoods and therefore the character of LO. Aging in place means staying in my own home.
	Hold the density down.... tell LCDC to shove it.
Transportation	This is clearly an attempted push for Foothills and the Trolly - neither of which are desired by the majority of LO citizens (and voters).
	bus service could be better
	I would say there are limited public transportation options in LO. Transportation. Also, shopping is limited in LO as is entertainment. I also don't think you can say there is higher density housing along transportation corridors....Country Club Rd. isn't higher density housing and yet two bus lines travel on it.
	NO STREETCAR, NO LIGHT RAIL!!!!!!
	Sidewalks seem to be discouraged. I expect that taxes & utilities will drive out older people.
	Need more connecting walking and biking paths. I would do all my shopping on my bike, rain or shine, if the roads were more bike friendly. □
	Streetcar to Portland!!
The emphasis on public transportation is focused on the east side of town. I have one bus into Portland, whose southern terminus at PCC is half a mile away and service ends relatively early at night. I don't mind the walk now, but in a few years when I reach 80, I think it will be less inviting (see aging in place). This is a TriMet issue, but it does affect livability in Mountain Park.	
Housing	would not support "affordable housing" type developments - we have lots of rental prop. also, don't make existing neighborhoods zoned any denser
	Housing that serves a range of households, ages and incomes is obviously one of the biggest problems for the future.
	We are seen as a very rich, arrogant population. Providing with more affordable housing for low middle class and lower class ranges of ages, incomes, households, faiths
	We need to ensure that moderate cost housing actually exists in our community!!
	We do not offer much affordable housing. I t would be great if the local teachers and other city employees could live here as they once did - twenty years ago .
Compatibility	The Planning department needs to reign in the "style" of homes being built/modified in First Addition. IF FA is to remain a "classic, cottage community" - only homes that fit the "classic, cottage community" should be approved.
	What make our housing compatible in our distinct neighborhoods? □
	An understanding that the historic character of neighborhoods, meaning inappropriate remodeling or demolition of historic structures, will not be compromised to accommodate higher density.
	Compatible housing? Look at what is happening. The City is now filled with incompatible housing due to infill. Do you plan for the City to look like all of the infill houses. This vision says nothing about the quality of life in the neighborhoods. What will make LO distinctive? Won't it look like Beaverton? Why not?
Rewording	Include mixed-use districts as being integrated along transportation corridors and town centers. Also, in the final sentence, change to "serves to preserve".
	Advanced energy systems have transformed our neighborhoods from tracks of urban housing into self-sustaining, independent living systems fully integrated with and nurturing to the natural world in this place.
	Appropriately scaled commercial activities which meet walkable neighborhood needs are integrated into residential neighborhoods.
	Need to include the word 'options' or 'choices' after the word 'housing' in the first sentence to show our desire for different types or forms of housing.
	Replace first sentence with "we have attractive and compatibly designed housing options." Identify "transportation corridors". So, will only neighborhoods adjacent to "mixed-use districts" be afforded the amenities noted? How about local government providing excellent core services to citiazens and neighborhoods? How about local government being responsive to neighborhood concerns remove the comma in the last sentence between centers and preserves. It's not necessary.

Other	more neighborhood commercial
	Out motto seems to be "Bigger is Better". The planning department and current council are very pro development at the expense of neighborhoods.
	Please describe what you mean by "small town feel." I don't know if we are envisioning the same thing if you don't tell us what you mean by this.
	SAME as # 1
	this is a bedroom community. To pretend that you can work near your home is unrealistic for most people here.
	one of the strongest appeals of LO is the fact that we can still go "downtown" and walk to the post office, library, drug store and grocery store all within a few blocks. I believe it is critical to keep this "town" feel in light of distinctly un-townlike structures such as the A Ave/State Street building.
	The tearing down of our older dwellings to build large McMansions deters from rather than enhances the cohesive feel to our
	I suggest changing the word 'compatible' to 'sustainable'.
	I am from Beaverton, and the last thing I want is for LO to get a Beaverton feel. I don't mean that negatively, but, in my opinion the city leaders there so overpopulated it with everything that it has taken away the naturalness that was once Beaverton.
	I agree this is what we want but don't agree we have it. I don't see how we will ever get walkable neighborhoods.
	What is the City currently lacking in this respect and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve this goal?
	We just want to keep our houses, we don't want apts, condos, low income housing and no street car or light rail. Keep the weird people in Portland.
	more neighborhood commercial
	Out motto seems to be "Bigger is Better". The planning department and current council are very pro development at the expense of neighborhoods.
Action Area: A Connected Community	
We benefit from safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices. A variety of frequent and reliable public transportation options reduce our impact on the environment and connect us within our city and to the region. Pathways, sidewalks, roadways and bike routes encourage residents of all neighborhoods to walk and bike safely to meet their daily needs.	
Transit	rail will connect Lake Oswego with the region
	we lived in Portland, we saw that lightrail ruined our neighborhood by bringing gangs and crime to our front doors-we were afraid to ride with thugs-dont let rail to LO ruin our beautiful city
	You wish! The level of bus service is probably as good as can be expected in such a town but can hardly be claimed to be convenient and efficient for the majority of the residents. I (intentionally) live within walking distance of the Hw 43 bus but even that isn't extremely convenient since I have to cross a busy hwy in the dark and stand in the rain. ☐
	The public transportation options should be comfortable and clean (both for user and the environment).
	Since most of have a daily need to go to work, and given the work is somewhere 20 minutes by car away, I do not see most of us using "pathways, sidewalks, to meet our daily needs." ☐
	Again, smells like a hype for the trolley. "Safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices should be great bus service by 2035.
	frequent and reliable public transportation should not be first
	A variety of frequent and reliable public transportation options reduce our impact on the environment and connect us within our city and to the region, while maintaining the small-town feel of our City..
	There needs to be ample parking for public transportation - not the case now, especially in First Addition neighborhood
	I question whether public transportation options can and will be made available, but it is certainly a commendable goal.
	More bus stops. It rains 9 months out of the year. There is not going to be a huge need for more bike paths. You are acting like
	Streetcar to Portland needs to happen soon
	With the aging population, we must depend more on public transportation. That means increased bus services reaching more parts of the city.
	See Comment #3: public transportation is insufficient, at least on the west side of town. But I love walking the pathways in my
Specific reference to rail transit could be added.	
public & private transportation options	
Biking & Walking	The majority population group in Lake Oswego is comprised of senior, many of whom are unable to walk and bike to meet their daily needs. Forget the idea of change in this direction.
	Natural corridors encourage residents of all neighborhoods to walk and bike safely to meet their daily needs.
	Since most of have a daily need to go to work, and given the work is somewhere 20 minutes by car away, I do not see most of us using "pathways, sidewalks, to meet our daily needs." ☐
	Our aging population and spread out neighborhoods will not result in walking or biking for daily needs.
	don't think this is very realistic given the weather and hilly terrain. sounds like you want us all out of our cars--not realistic for families or the elderly
	not everywhere is safe to walk
	I don't agree that bike routes are highly accessible. For example, the narrow roads around the lake aren't good for biking or walking the dog.
	Safe bike lanes and path ways are wonderful for our community. LO residents enjoy the quaint feel of our community and like to reserve the right to be connected to the rest of the region. Spending money connecting us to the rest of the region will not benefit enough of our LO tax payers.
	where Wizers recently left. That is a horribly congested and dangerous traffic area. We also need a pedestrian over-pass bridge crossing somewhere on Kruse Way. That too is a busy, fast-paced vehicle road that needs safe passage via a pedestrian over-pass.
	Dangerous existng intersections where pedestrians now cross should be remedied immediately. The crossing at Foothills and State St. is a death or maiming waiting to happen. Traffic exiting the Foothills area to turn north or south turns directly into crosswalks without noticing that pedestrians ALSO have a "walk" signal. I have come close to being hit so many times as I cross State St. at this location. PLEASE force ODOT to improve this situation.
	NO BIKE PATHS EITHER! Oswego owns way to much public land. Sell it off and don't buy any more.
	Interesting; but I wonder how many LO residents work within 5 miles of the city. Meeting my daily needs on foot or bike? Not likely.

Biking & Walking	The design of pathways, sidewalks etc. should also encourage interaction within and between neighborhoods.
	Again, agree this is what we want but don't think we have this. I don't see how we will ever be able to meet the walk and bike safely in many parts of the city.
	In need of far more connecting walking and bike paths
	Strongly object of the obvious effort to get people out of their cars. That is not what the majority of people want. At the workshop group it was apparent that was the feeling of the majority of the participants. Americans like their cars - and will continue to do so. Money should be spent on maintaining our roads and improving them - focus on that not bike paths - although some money can be put towards that effort.
	More bus stops. It rains 9 months out of the year. There is not going to be a huge need for more bike paths. You are acting like this is Florida.
	I cannot bicycle safely here - have been hit when I was on my bike in a bike lane and see very limited police protection to offer and help cyclists and pedestrians around State Street and Lake Grove. How about flashing lighting to ensure greater safety. and a few signs like share the road to boot
	neighborhood,
	More sidewalks please!
	Sidewalks are inadequate in many parts of the city.
Other & Rephrasing	We benefit from safe, efficient and convenient transportation choices that do not sacrifice the quality of the neighborhoods through which they pass. Public transportation options support the needs of the community without loss of the quality of space, current walking access and use of facilities.
	Eliminate the statement about reducing our impact on the environment. The focus should be on options and advantages for our residents.
	A variety of frequent and reliable public transportation options reduce our impact on the environment and connect us within our city and to the region, while maintaining the small-town feel of our City..
	Eliminate everything after the first sentence. The rest is just congratulatory fluff. "reduce our impact on the environment" and "encourage residents of all neighborhoods" to walk and bike safely" so they can "meet their daily needs." just too preachy.
	We really, really want this for LO.
	Is a "Connected Community" all about transportation? Any "aspirations" regarding level of service of roadways? Any "aspirations" regarding the maintenance of pathways-think about the special CAUTIONARY signs now gracing the Kruse Way pathway. You know the one the borders our "economic engine"
	How is Lake Oswego not currently meeting this goal and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve /continue to achieve this goal?
	From above statement: "reduce our impact on the environment" You over zealous "greenies" are costing us too much tax dollars on your green policies, hurting the social cohesion of our community and and not listening to the will of the people you are charged Eliminate "reduce our impact on the environment".
Action Area: Economic Vitality	
We are a full service community where people can live, work, recreate and meet their daily needs for goods and services. We are business-friendly and have a strong local economy. We are a regional model for employment and mixed-use centers that attract quality jobs. We build upon the intellectual capital of the community to attract new ventures, retain local businesses and connect to the global economy.	
Sustainability	We connect to the global economy? What does that mean?
	Connect to the global economy? What do you mean by this?
	A regional model? Global economy? Get real
	Drop the connection to the global economy.
	I doubt if we have the land capacity to realistically promise to meet people's desire to work in Lake Oswego and "connect to the global economy." This seems a bit grandious
	Eliminate "global economy". Replace with "broader metropolitan economy". What next?..... "global citizens?" In general, get rid of this "liberal speak" in your commentary, PLEASE!
Full-Service vs Bedroom Community	This will be very difficult for a town of 30k who are high powered. Will we get Intel to provide a foundry for our engineers, get a hospital for the Dr.s and researchers in town. Do we even need a large movie theater given we have a town next door that does already? Interestingly, there is no connection to our neighboring towns in the vision.
	NOTE: We are a full service community, thus we do not "need" to be connected to the rest of the region.
	I don't see how the city can be a full service community. There isn't room to increase the businesses and have jobs here for enough people in the community.
	that's what's truly sustainable. Again, eliminate planner obsession of "mixed use". Who is aware of/remembers the Mahar experience for adjacent residents? Remove "intellectual capital. Why do we assume effort should be made to retain all local businesses?□
	And, just what is meant by "support"? The Economic Development Department fiasco? The spending of public dollars to support retail businesses which represent a minimal portion of our business community and provide minimal income to those it employs and public coffers? What a WASTE!
	Most of the people I know are perfectly happy with LO being a bedroom community with shopping for the basics - groceries, pharmacies, but see not need for everything with the easy access we have to Portland, Washington Square and Bridgeport.
	Can't we just be Lake Oswego anymore? Most towns would love to be like us. Why are we trying to be like Portland, or L.A.?
How can you incorporate this goal and still meet the standards of the above questions? To create enough jobs for people to live and work in L.O. would dramatically alter the look and feel of the community. L.O. is a bedroom community.	

Business and Job Type	This statement is an out right lie. There are few living wage jobs available in LO and few LO residents who work in LO. Stop the focus on development and start focusing on job creation and innovation.
	I think you're trying. But none of the (many) people I know have the types of jobs which exist in this town. High-end incomes require high-end jobs which exist out in Bvtn and Ptlid.
	Too focused on the downtown area and on Meadows.
	more jobs...
	Too many fancy, expensive, frivolous shops. Let's get practical and provide citizens what they really need. When I go to Washington Square it's always because L.O. doesn't sell what I want: reasonably priced goods of all kinds for the ordinary person.
	Even if LO council members don't really want to act on this Action Area (because of the "living in harmony with nature" mumbo jumbo), we should explicitly state this in an effort to continue to attract professional-class businesses.
	More days of Farmer's Markets
	There is an obvious retail base but we need more services.
	stick with the current program..no large corp stores like macys, etc..but add more boutques and interesting restuarants...
	You are going to have to radically change what you are doing now. Businesses are moving out, not in.
Business Friendly	Delete we are "business-friendly" or include somewhere in the action areas that "we are neighbor friendly" or that "we respect the concenrs and opinions of our residents". Delete "connect to the global economy"..Include something to the effect, attracting new ventures "which reflect community values", or which "seek to serve our community". Additioanlly, it is not reasonable to think that in a community of our size all service would be provided to meet our daily needs. Has anyone heard of "Lake Oswego prices"? I'm glad to trade -purchase goods and services-in locations adjacent to but not in Lake Oswego. Lots of my neighbors shop at Winco and Fred Meyer; however, such does not mean they would support such big-box stores in Lake Oswego.
	If this is the vision, then the City needs to have a much better CDC and change their current ways in the planning dept
	No one in their right mind would open a business is such a business unfriendly community.
	Make the building codes more residential and business friendly, and stop making local businesses buy permits for anything you can possibly think of just to fill your coffers!
	You are going to have to radically change what you are doing now. Businesses are moving out, not in.
Other	Businesses can also work add to sense of place and community.
	This borders on meaningless.
	We are business-friendly and have a strong local economy with predominantly small businesses. We are a regional model for employment and mixed-use centers that attract quality jobs. Neighborhood commercial pockets are accessible on foot with attractive storefronts.
	What percentage of people who live in LO work in LO? I would be interested in this statistic.
	Everything after second sentence is unnecessary.
	As long as LO is kept it's unique self.
	How is Lake Oswego not currently meeting this goal and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve /continue to achieve this goal?
	This aspect is of less importance to me than the others but it is acceptable
	Can't we just be Lake Oswego anymore? Most towns would love to be like us. Why are we trying to be like Portland, or L.A.?
	"recreate", while technically correct, seems a bit stuffy or high-handed. What's wrong with "play"? The use of "recreate" also doesn't flow as well as "play" in the general reading of the sentence.
Sounds good but it is too general a statement. Translate this into reality. There is no way one could be "against" such a statement. These statements are written in a manner that makes it impossible to disagree with the content.	
Improved recreational swimming facility that can accommodate all levels of people and ability levels. The current swimming pool facility is not appropriate for the up and coming people of Lake Oswego. We need a state of the art swim pool that can accommodate the competitive swimming for youth as well as adults AND be a viable swim facility for adults, older adults and people with disabilities.	
Action Area: Healthy Ecosystems	
We are stewards of our environment. Our urban forests, natural areas and watersheds are valued and cared for as essential environmental, economic, and cultural assets. We balance the need for clean air, water and land resources with community values. The built environment is designed to protect, enhance and seamlessly integrate with natural systems.	
Property Rights/Over-Regulation	This is another outright lie, Eliminate the Sensitive Lands Regulations because they are not applied in a uniform manner. The current SL Regulations do nothing to protect the environment. Instead they were designed to take private property rights. There is a difference.
	Lake Oswego is a "habitat" for human beings. Reasonable care of the environment is a given - not seizure by the City (via things like "Sensitive Lands").
	However, if the above statement is the catalyst for more environmental regulation--forget it. The City is currently the worst "steward" of all
	We balance the need for clean air, water and land resources with community values and private property rights.
	The city is not a steward of the private property in the city. The city should not regulate what trees we can remove on our property unless the city wants to pay for their lifelong pruning and maintenance too. natural resources are not a "cultural asset" unless they are harvested so a culture can use them to survice, otherwise they are an amenity that assists in water and air quality protection, which is regulated by state and federal law, and not cities.
	The needs and property rights of citizens should never be secondary to nature. 99% of LO residents are naturally good stewards of their property - we do not need government regulations to be force this.

Property Rights/Over-Regulation	We already take care of the land. We have clean air and water. The built environment is communism and will destroy private property rights. It's an answer seeking a solution. Lets let people enjoy their life and their property and keep government out of our daily lives.
	The tree canopy has grow for the 50 years i have lived in Lake Oswego even before the current tree policy. There is no need to restrict private property owners in the trimming and cutting of trees.
	We are a densely populated urban center, which you are making more dangerous due to your ridiculous and expensive and overly restrictive environmental policies. Get a clue! The Citizens of Lake Oswego do not want Coyote habitat in their back yards, they do not want vegetation choked drainage ways that will cause the drainage system to fail during severe rain events and we do not want your "holier than thou" attitude when it comes to your restrictions on our use of our personal property.
	We need to preserve our own property rights. The environment has not been threatened thus far, only our rights.
Trees & Parks	... unless you are a developer who wants to cut down trees.
	There is a balance between the conflicting goals of maximum tree canopy cover, solar access for electricity and water heating and for food gardening.
	We do not pursue more woodland parks aggressively enough.
	Would like to add preserving our douglas firs and old growth trees, not replacing them with smaller city trees
	I would encourage the improvement of parks in the forest highlands region. Also, in the same region, the construction of large, ugly houses is happening to much. Besides, not many people buy them in this economy.
	The tree canopy has grow for the 50 years i have lived in Lake Oswego even before the current tree policy. There is no need to restrict private property owners in the trimming and cutting of trees.
	I particularly appreciate the attention to parks and public spaces in the last 10-20 years.
Balance Air/Water/Land with Community Values	We balance the need for clean air, water and land resources with ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY and community values.
	How do you "balance" clear air with community values? What does that mean? That our community values don't desire clear air so we balance that again having clean air?
	I would change the word "balance" to something like "harmonize" as you did in the opening statement. "Balance" implies we are trading off the environment for our community values which doesn't have to be true.
	We balance the need for clean air, water and land resources with community values and private property rights.
	Move "We balance the need for clean air, water and land resources with community values" to the fore of the Action Area statement. It appears as an afterthought to being "stewards of the environment." What is that supposed to mean anyway? You go ahead and be an environmental steward first, and then I'll see if I like the quality of life.
	Clarify what is meant by balancing the needs for clean air, water and land with community values. Very ambiguous and vague.
	Re-work sentence three. It's a though the need for clean air, water and land is somehow at odds with "community values". Rework final sentence-eliminate "and seamlessly integrate with".
	Is it necessary for the built environment to "seamlessly" integrate with natural systems? I don't mind a respectful juxtaposition between the natural and the man-made.
	You dont 'balance' clean air/water/land resources w/community values, they should BE the community values and you balance other things to that.
	Innovative environmental designs are encouraged for development projects which encourage the highest and best use of both private & public properties.
	I would change "community values" to "community needs"
Other	I know that the city spends a lot of \$, time, and effort in this area and there is a lot of green but can't say it has been a remarkable success from a strictly environmental POV. Irrigated lawns and ivy-infested green spaces aren't ideal.
	Oswego Lake is always left out of these discussions. It needs to be addressed head on and spans multiple action areas. The current management of the lake divides our community.
	There is a balance between the conflicting goals of maximum tree canopy cover, solar access for electricity and water heating and for food gardening.
	Too many permits are given for tearing down older dwellings and buildings large, non-eco-friendly houses. There is not enough control over this. Many of our neighborhoods have a very disjointed look.
	All citizens are created equal, if you are going to monitor watersheds be sure to monitor the lake and river and uphold the same standards for everyone, not just a select few.
	Tone it down. We'll be lucky if a wildfire doesn't take us out like the Oakland firestorm of 1991.
	Fostering educational opportunities for environmental education lwithin our schools.
	How is Lake Oswego not currently meeting this goal and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve /continue to achieve this goal?
	Against the biggest strike against us is the complete lack of dependable public transportation - Air Quality could be improved witha
	Too general a statement. Translate this into reality. There is no way one could be "against" such a statement.
	No mention of urban wildlife. The use of personal pronouns regarding "our" environment is presumptuous and human-centric (if the goal in being good stewards is to overcome the attitudes of the past that nearly destroyed the natural environment).
	Innovative environmental designs are encouraged for development projects which encourage the highest and best use of both private & public properties.
	Should add goal of creative and transparent interaction with private property owners to meet these goals. None of these goals include people.

Action Area: Community Health & Public Safety

Our community is a safe place to live and supports lifelong active and healthy living. The city provides opportunities for active lifestyles that promote the health of all our residents. Local foods from community gardens and farmers' markets support healthy nutrition and provide social opportunities. Strong public safety and social systems ensure the community's well-being.

Public Safety	Specifically mention police and fire depts.
	Although the recent budget cut in the police dept.
	Not much emphasis on crime and life safety, a big benifit to living in LO. Would also like to see something about LO being a 'welcoming and tolerant' city.
	We're putting "gardens and farmers' markets" ahead of "strong public safety"? You can't really be serious, can you? I'd rather have a well-funded police force before any Saturday Market. Some local government functions shouldn't be negotiable.
	Eliminate "the city" from sentence two. The community-public and private, schools and local government-and sometimes, beyond the boundaries of city limits-should provide said opportunities. What is meant by "social systems"? Sure seems to be a lack of comment regarding real public safety-our Police and Fire departments/employees. Also,where are public facilities addressed other than "community gardens' and "farmer's markets"? Where is there anything about preparation for/protection from "Natural Disasters"/ WHO created this survey?
	I believe one of the few responsibilities of governeemt is public safety. The government does not need to be the one providing the activities for social interation and health issues - that is for the private sector. This is definitely not the job of government.
Social & Cultural Community	Again - the city shouldn't do it all. Why aren't they partnering with industry to provide "opp.s for active lifestyles".
	We're putting "gardens and farmers' markets" ahead of "strong public safety"? You can't really be serious, can you? I'd rather have a well-funded police force before any Saturday Market. Some local government functions shouldn't be negotiable.
	The vision over emphasizes providing for 'active lifestyles' as compared to other items. Solid waste, air quality, water treatment, natural disasters are not mentioned at all.
	Eliminate "the city" from sentence two. The community-public and private, schools and local government-and sometimes, beyond the boundaries of city limits-should provide said opportunities. What is meant by "social systems"? Sure seems to be a lack of comment regarding real public safety-our Police and Fire departments/employees. Also,where are public facilities addressed other than "community gardens' and "farmer's markets"? Where is there anything about preparation for/protection from "Natural Disasters"/ WHO created this survey?
	I believe one of the few responsibilities of governeemt is public safety. The government does not need to be the one providing the activities for social interation and health issues - that is for the private sector. This is definitely not the job of government.
	We already have a great community. I will provide my own social opportunities and my own social system.
	Replace "opportunities" with interaction.
	what is meant by a "social system"?
	Define "strong social systems." Seems overly vague, and I'm not sure what examples you have in mind -- churches, senior center,Parks & Rec programs?
	"Vibrant social systems ensure the communities well-being and safety." Supports the first sentence much better.... hey, you
	Eliminate "provide social opportunities". Replace with "the local economy".
Eliminate "and social systems" from the last sentence and allow the sentence to stand without those words.	
Farmers' Markets & Community Gardens	Promote and encourage more Localized, neighborhood farmers' markets so that Lake Grove residents can easily participate, rather than having to drive all the way downtown for the L.O. farmer's market.
	dedicate more spaces to community gardens
	Definately need more Community Gardens and Another Farmer's Market
	Keep it Up - this is an area that has really been great and grown in the past decade . ☐
Other Comments	Our community is recognized for its ability to exercise fiscal restraint in pursuing recreational and other cultural improvements to ensure timely maintenance and improvements in essential services and infrastructure.
	need to specifically mention safe walking and bike paths
	Some statement about balancing the desire for maximum provision of services to LO with the need to minimize cost/property impact to residents, which can sometimes mean scaling back from what may otherwise seem optimal.
	A firm understanding among all City officials and the public that Lake Oswego WILL maintain and enhance a strong DOWNTOWN core which includes ALL municipal buildings. DO NOT start scattering municipal facilities here and there around the City or we will become West Linn which has no downtown core.
	Emphasize the idea that we want to support people of all ages including families with school age children
	How is Lake Oswego not currently meeting this goal and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve /continue to achieve this goal?
	Too general a statement. Translate this into reality. There is no way one could be "against" such a statement. These statements are written in a manner that makes it impossible to disagree with the content.
	Neighbors are socially connected and involved in collaborative activities such as emergency preparedness, neighborhood watch and organic gardening (laws to gardens as well as community gardens).
Our community is recognized for its ability to exercise fiscal restraint in pursuing recreational and other cultural improvements to ensure timely maintenance and improvements in essential services and infrastructure.	

Action Area: Inspiring Spaces & Places

Our built environment and natural setting inspire people to live here. The city is a regional leader, making conscientious decisions that protect our quality of life and unique place in the region. Development respects the physical environment and meets the highest quality of community design to maintain the distinctive character and beauty of this special place.

LEED/Living Building	<p>The city's built environment reflects the evolving standards of the living building challenge which promote living and working spaces which are health for both people and the environment.</p> <p>We need to make sure that every new building is constructed beyond LEED. Make them Living Buildings. Also, reconstructing old buildings should strive for Living Building designation. In particular, the West End former Safeco site should become a living building level of green building when that reconstruction begins.</p>
Infill	<p>I cannot envision that all development in LO in 2035 will be of the highest quality. Do we get to pull down all the built environment that I don't think meet those criteria?</p> <p>I don't fully agree with the statement about development respecting the physical environment when I see some of the tear-downs in first addition and lake grove areas, and some of the tree cutting that has taken place in certain areas.</p> <p>I would prefer a more natural, less concrete, look to the development. Look to some of the wealthy towns north of San Francisco for a lesson in tasteful development. I would call a lot of what has happened here in LO showy verging on tacky rather than tasteful.</p> <p>The rate of destruction of individual houses and neighborhoods to achieve often grandiose, architecturally mediocre dwellings. But we live in a capitalist system so I don't see any way to preserve the scale of older neighborhoods.</p>
Other Comments	<p>If the built environment and natural setting inspire people to live here it is because they don't know what is really going on. Development on lake front property does not respect the physical environment.□</p> <p>Other action area that sounds good, but as long as the lake issues are ignored this vision will be difficult to achieve.</p> <p>This standard would preclude Foothills development. Look at the blight of South Waterfront.</p> <p>just a bunch of planning mumbo jumbo and an excuse to regulate and hire more planners than we need</p> <p>Protecting and maintaing private property rights and valuing diversity should be addressed here as well</p> <p>Not when it comes to planning...a 1/2 city planner was cut.</p> <p>Everything after first sentence is unnecessary. the rest is just discguised self-congratulatory verbiage.</p> <p>Too vague. State firmly that preservation of our existing built environment equals sustainability.</p> <p>Then explain to me how the majority of the city's sensitive areas are in lower residential value areas? How is it that Oswego Lake has little or no sensitive areas on lake front properties? Aye for thee, but not for me?</p> <p>Development needs to strengthen the social and community ties as well.</p> <p>It appears many residents are compelled to move elsewhere in retirement due to high cost□ of living here now. I fear such high standards□</p> <p>How is Lake Oswego not currently meeting this goal and how, specifically, is it planning to achieve /continue to achieve this goal?</p> <p>The citizens, not the city, are the ones to be making the decisions about their lives.</p> <p>People already want to live here. We don't need the re-make the city.</p> <p>The city is overly restrictive in its tree policy</p> <p>I think that the downtown development that all happened since I moved here 11 years ago is very good , we can certainly see the value of a pedestrian friendly area that is landscaped and has a variety of businesses . more accessible to</p> <p>This statement above indicates clearly the degree to which you are all delusional. Seriously, do you believe that we affluent citizens want you civil servants to tell us what our homes should look like, that we cannot have our children play in our own backyards, and that incidentally growing trees should define our building designs on our expensive lots? You are too pedantic and overbearing, and thank goodness there is a nonprofit opposing you and thereby representing our values.</p> <p>the roundabouts are fabulous..such as the one by the hunt club and wankers corner ..we need more of those..</p> <p>Too general a statement. Translate this into reality. There is no way one could be "against" such a statement. These statements are written in a manner that makes it impossible to disagree with the content.</p> <p>Responsible development is encouraged by reducing excessive bureacratic obstacles.</p> <p>Need the goal creatively working with citizens to maximize blending of private property with public natural resources.</p> <p>More travel brochure fluff. Hoe exactly are we "regional leaders"?</p> <p>Development respects the physical environment and meets the highest quality of community design to encourage attractive</p> <p>Using the word 'maintain' as to the character and beauty of the City is not very inspirational or aspirational. Part of the whole reason for a vision is so we can improve not so we can maintain (stay the same.) How about 'foster' instead of 'maintain'.</p> <p>Too vague. State firmly that preservation of our existing built environment equals sustainability.</p> <p>built environment - is that the same as "buildings?" - city is a regional leader of what? Can "development respect?" or what respects</p> <p>Need the goal creatively working with citizens to maximize blending of private property with public natural resources.</p> <p>The first two sentences were clear. I was lost on the third. "Development with an eye towards community (based?) design will preserve and promote the distinctive character of Lake Oswego." Is more succinct.</p> <p>Add the word ",safety" after the word environment</p>