

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-30

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, adopting a Community Vision Statement for the City

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood incorporated on February 28, 1996; and

WHEREAS, as a newly created city, Lakewood began the process of defining itself, articulating a vision of its future and shaping its physical form. To this end, community-wide visioning sessions were held early in the development of the City's first comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the principal role of these visioning sessions in the original comprehensive planning process was to provide City officials and staff with a sense of Lakewood's current state and preferred policy direction(s) from the public's perspective. The original visioning exercise also identified specific actions the City should take in response to some of the issues facing Lakewood just after incorporation; and,

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2000, the City adopted the City of Lakewood Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Growth Management Act (GMA); and on August 20, 2001, the City adopted a Land Use and Development Code (Chapter 18A of the Lakewood Municipal Code) implementing the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has now accomplished many of the goals identified in the original 2000 Comprehensive Plan and the 2004 update; and

WHEREAS, the City has not formally re-examined the policy preferences of Lakewood residents since 2000; and,

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council desires to keep its policy direction up-to-date with regard to community attitudes concerning current issues affecting the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the City retained the consulting firms of Tindale-Oliver Associates and Fregonese Associates to lead a community visioning effort. The project included preparation of a Community Profile which gathered and expressed basic demographic and land use information about the city; and an outreach program including a web-based community survey, interviews with individual citizens, and meetings with community groups. The outreach effort also included a plenary Community Vision Workshop where over 70 participants were asked for input concerning future scenarios for growth and development within the city; and

WHEREAS the consultants then prepared a *Community Vision Plan* reviewing the results of the outreach effort, identifying key themes from the on-line survey, and distilling five community values reflecting collective preferences for Lakewood's future; and

WHEREAS the Lakewood City Council used the Community Vision Plan and identified community values to craft a vision statement intended to articulate aspirational qualities about the City at its City's 30 year anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. The following is adopted as the vision statement for the City of Lakewood:

LAKEWOOD VISION STATEMENT

Our *VISION* for Lakewood is a thriving, urban, South Puget Sound City, possessing the core values of family, community, education, and economic prosperity. We will advance these values by recognizing our past, taking action in the present, and pursuing a dynamic future.


The City Council's *VISION* for Lakewood at its 30 Year Anniversary is a community:

- Inspired by its own sense of history and progress;
- Known for its safe and attractive neighborhoods, vibrant downtown, active arts and cultural communities;
- Sustained by robust economic growth and job creation;
- Recognized for the excellence of its public and private schools, and its community and technical colleges;
- Characterized by the beauty of its lakes, parks and natural environment;
- Acknowledged for excellence in the delivery of municipal services;
- Leveraging and embracing of our diversity; and,
- Supportive of Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM), Camp Murray, service members and their families.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

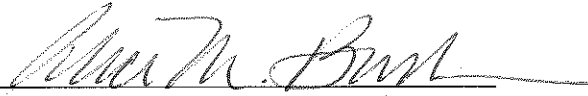
PASSED by the Lakewood City Council this 19th day of October, 2015.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:



Alice M. Bush, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heidi Wachter, City Attorney