

Town Hall topics: March 2022

In January, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to continue its virtual Town Hall series on a quarterly basis. *In no particular order*, below are potential topics for the March 16 Town Hall.

#ClackCo Listens: Experiences with Homelessness/Housing Affordability

Clackamas County has prioritized combatting homelessness and helping those who are housing-insecure. One of only 10 strategic goals for the county is to greatly increase the amount of affordable housing units over the next four years. How bad is this crisis in our county? Commissioners want to hear the experiences of those who have struggled with housing security, housing affordability, and individuals/groups providing services to them. What can local government do?

Farming in #ClackCo: Helping the Next Generation

Farming in Clackamas County is a significant driver of our local economy. One of only 10 strategic goals for the county is to increase food production and food production acres from agricultural land over the next five years. Clackamas County Commissioners want to ensure that our local and future farmers are set up for success. With technological advances, climate change, and an ever-evolving economic landscape, what can #ClackCo do to help our farmers stay strong for decades to come?

#ClackCo's Role in Public Safety

Clackamas County has always prioritized public safety. Commissioners have prioritized finding new and existing funding for the county's courthouse, jail and law enforcement operations over the next four years. What should the county's role be in public safety? How is our community unsafe currently?

Supportive Housing Services

Clackamas County has devoted extensive time and resources to its Supportive Housing Services (SHS) program, as part of the Metro Measure that funds services for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. This session will relay what the county has accomplished so far, what its immediate plans are, and seek input from community members about where we can improve.

Supporting our Businesses

Clackamas County Commissioners are dedicated to creating and sustaining a business-friendly environment. One of only 10 strategic goals of the county is aimed at ensuring our local businesses operate in an environment that supports stability and growth. This session will relay recent initiatives/developments undertaken to support our businesses, and seek feedback from the public on our services and how we can improve.

I-205 Tolling and the Regional Mobility Pricing Project: Part II

As discussed last year, the Board could hold a follow-up to the successful December event around tolling. However, given the changing nature of this topic and that there are pending state and regional policy decisions around this issue – with this year's session lasting until **March 8** – committing to this topic may be premature at this time. *Please remember that PGA can always produce a separate Town Hall with one week notice if need be.*

PGA is open to other topic ideas as well, and will produce an event on **any** topic, given Board direction.