



**HILLSBORO 2020 VISION AND ACTION PLAN**

**ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT:  
2002-2003**

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# HILLSBORO 2020

## VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE



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Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee is proud to present the third annual *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan Progress Report*. As you are aware, a progress report, along with any proposed modifications to the original Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan, must be submitted to City Council for review and approval prior to the conclusion of each implementation year.

In addition to requesting your approval of the report and several minor modifications to the Vision and Action Plan, we are providing information pertaining to key activities and programs taking place in the community as a result of the Hillsboro 2020 effort. In fact, as we reported at this year's Annual Town Hall Meeting – attended by approximately 165 Hillsboro-area residents and organizational representatives – more than 80 of 114 proposed actions are either underway or complete, after just three years of implementation.

Additional highlights from 2002-2003 include:

Development and initiation of a Speakers Bureau to raise community awareness of the Vision and associated activities. Vision Implementation Committee members have made over a dozen presentations to a variety of organizations throughout the community to promote Hillsboro 2020, share successes and increase the number of citizens and organizations participating in implementation.

Instituting the first-ever Hillsboro 2020 *Outstanding Organization* and *Outstanding Individual Awards*. At the 2003 Annual Town Hall Meeting, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and Perry Gruber, Public Affairs Manager for Intel, received awards for their valuable contributions.

Over 120 new support partners have stepped-up to provide implementation assistance over the last three years, including 40 this year alone.

Three Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee members and project partners were recognized for their contributions to the community at the 2003 Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation. They include: John Coulter (Special Merit Service Award); Shirley Huffman (Bob Herb Leadership Award); and Perry Gruber – also recipient of the Hillsboro 2020 Outstanding Individual Award – (Chairman's Award). We are proud to have these community builders leading the Hillsboro 2020 charge.

This report also includes the first complete update of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan, incorporating the minor revisions submitted over the past three years.

The fact that so many projects have been initiated or completed in such a short period of time is reason for celebration. This early success is a tangible and rewarding confirmation that our community has taken ownership of Hillsboro 2020. No single group or entity could possibly accomplish the range of activities proposed in the Vision and Action Plan. Fortunately, Hillsboro 2020 has never had a shortage of partners or supporters. Over the last several years, dozens of organizations and hundreds of volunteers have tackled initiatives in areas ranging from improving economic conditions, to strengthening Hillsboro's unique sense of identity, to enhancing local environmental assets and beyond.

The Vision Implementation Committee is continually amazed by, and grateful for the community's commitment and investment. Their efforts are truly bringing the Vision to life, and making Hillsboro 2020 an international award-winning model.


At the same time, it is worth remembering that great successes often generate greater expectations. Inasmuch as the Vision Implementation Committee would like to continue reporting dozens of new actions underway or complete every year, we know such a scenario is simply not possible.

To begin with, a number of the actions that are now underway or complete are what the Vision Task Force labeled "easy victories." Generally speaking, these are activities that involve a minimal investment of time and money, were already planned by a lead partner, or can be easily inserted into partners' work plans. Not surprisingly, there are fewer "easy victories" to choose from as time goes by. Moreover, implementing high cost or personnel-intensive actions would be challenging during boom times. The current economic downturn may well exacerbate the situation as many of our partners grapple with significant budget shortfalls and staff reductions.

Still, the Vision Implementation Committee remains optimistic and is confident today's challenges will not derail Vision implementation. The Vision Task Force crafted the Vision and Action Plan with an understanding that implementation would likely be robust during healthy years, and slowed during times of limited resources.

In closing, the Vision Implementation Committee would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continued support in this community-shaping endeavor. The positive feedback we have received from citizens during our Town Hall Meeting and Speakers Bureau presentations is a clear indication of the value Hillsboro 2020 is providing for the community. We look forward to sharing additional successes and highlights with you during our fourth year of Vision implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John O. Coulter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name and title.

John Coulter  
Chair, Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee

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# I. Introduction

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## HILLSBORO 2020 OVERVIEW

During the past 20 years, Hillsboro has experienced significant residential and economic growth. The community has become economically self-sufficient with a strong and diverse industrial base, and vital retail areas. It has grown geographically to more than double its physical size and has started to take in unincorporated neighborhoods and commercial areas to the east. A consequence of this growth and change in community character has been an emerging need to redefine the City's identity and help set a course for the future which reflects the values of its citizens. Recognizing this challenge, the City of Hillsboro conducted an extensive public discussion to develop a vision and action plan for the next 20 years.

This community-wide effort, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Project, was conducted over three years (1997-2000) and involved hundreds of citizens representing dozens of community interests including business, environment, neighborhoods, social services, health care, education, government, and many others. The product of this endeavor was a Vision Statement, describing Hillsboro in 2020, and an Action Plan identifying the programs and projects necessary to achieve that vision.

The Project involved an extensive public participation program including a citizen task force that advised the City and developed the recommended *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*. In addition, the general public and various interest groups were engaged through a broad range of outreach activities such as public workshops and forums, newsletters, presentation to community groups, and focus groups. Over 1,500 citizens participated in the vision planning process.

The action plan lists 114 actions and 46 strategies to bring the Vision to life. The plan outlines opportunities to enhance community identity, connections, and livability – ranging from such projects as a historic downtown district with a public square to an expanded system of pedestrian and bike paths and many others. During the plan's development, sixteen community partners agreed to take the lead on one or more of the actions. Many of these actions will require the formation of public-private partnerships. Implementation of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision will be a community-wide effort.

A citizen-led Vision Implementation Committee, appointed by the Hillsboro City Council, monitors and facilitates the Vision's implementation, assuring that the Vision will transition from plan to reality. As part of the charge described in the following section, the Vision Implementation Committee is responsible for developing and presenting an annual progress report to City Council.

The Hillsboro 2020 Vision Project has received state and international recognition. In 2000 the project received the Good Governance Award from the League of Oregon Cities. Subsequently, the project received the 2002 International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Core Values Co-Project of the Year Award.

## **II. Vision Implementation Committee Program: 2002-2003**

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### **VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE CHARGE<sup>1</sup>**

As adopted by Hillsboro City Council in the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, a Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) was established in September 2000 with the following charge:

*To monitor the progress of the adopted Vision Action Plan, encourage implementation of actions, and recommend minor modifications to the plan as necessary. The committee's activities will include:*

- *A minimum of two committee meetings per year.*
- *An annual progress report to the Hillsboro City Council.*
- *Host an annual "town hall" meeting for public discussion of the Vision Action Plan.*
- *Maintain two-way communication with lead partners to track and encourage action implementation.*
- *If necessary, recommend proposed changes to the Vision Action Plan for City Council consideration.*

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<sup>1</sup> The VIC charge also included provisions specific to the first year, 2000-2001, including: Develop a clear understanding of lead partner roles; prepare an Action Plan evaluation process and criteria; develop a memorandum of understanding between lead partners stating their commitment to the Vision Action Plan and their respective roles. All of these tasks were accomplished by 2001, and are not repeated here.

## CHARGE FULFILLMENT

The 2002-2003 Vision Implementation Committee fulfilled all elements of its charge. Information pertaining to each element and the means by which it was fulfilled is provided below.

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**Charge Element:** Hold a minimum of two Committee meetings per year.

**How Fulfilled:** Three Vision Implementation Committee and four Steering Committee meetings were convened during 2002-2003.

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**Charge Element:** Submit a progress report to City Council.

**How Fulfilled:** The 2002-2003 Annual Report was submitted to Hillsboro City Council in July 2003.

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**Charge Element:** Host an annual Vision “Town Hall” meeting.

**How Fulfilled:** A Vision Town Hall meeting, “Hillsboro 2020: Our Hometown; Our Community; Our Future,” was held on Thursday, April 10, 2003. Approximately 165 people participated.

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**Charge Element:** Maintain two-way communication with lead partners.

**How Fulfilled:** The Vision Implementation Committee connected with lead partners through several venues during the year including: preparation and distribution of a letter and survey to all lead partners; recruitment of Town Hall presenters; lead partner presentations to the Vision Implementation Committee; lead partner display tables at the Town Hall meeting; and follow-up contact regarding partner requests for assistance.

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**Charge Element:** If necessary, recommend proposed changes to Vision and Action Plan for Council review.

**How Fulfilled:** Vision Implementation Committee reviewed and is recommending potential changes to Hillsboro City Council as part of this Annual Progress Report.

## ACTIVITIES BEYOND THE CHARGE

Two new activities, not included in the VIC’s charge, were added to its work program:

The VIC designed a Speakers Bureau program in 2002-2003, to increase community-wide awareness of Hillsboro 2020 activities and successes. Through the Speakers Bureau program, described in additional detail later in this report, VIC members are able to provide Hillsboro 2020 updates and receive community feedback regarding future priorities during 30-minute exchanges.

The VIC also initiated a Hillsboro 2020 Vision Awards program, providing an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations for “outstanding” contributions to Hillsboro 2020 implementation.

## **NEW OR AMENDED VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES**

During 2002-2003, the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) developed several new activities and amended one existing component. A summary of each item follows.

### **HILLSBORO 2020 SPEAKERS BUREAU**

In an effort to increase awareness of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* and the successes achieved to date, the Vision Implementation Committee initiated what is hoped to be an annual activity, the Hillsboro 2020 Speakers Bureau. Through the Speakers Bureau, volunteering VIC members make presentations on Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan implementation efforts to targeted organizations in the community. Specific objectives of the Speakers Bureau are to:

- Encourage Action Plan implementation by Lead Partner organizations and community partners
- Encourage citizens to support and become involved in Hillsboro 2020 vision projects
- Generate attendance for the Vision Town Hall Meeting
- Increase the number of people participating in the Hillsboro 2020 interested parties mailing list

The Speakers Bureau consists of both an oral script and graphical representation of key program components. The presentation covers a description of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, examples of Vision activities in the community, and an overall status report. Audience questions and comments are encouraged.

Vision Implementation Committee members made thirteen (13) Speakers Bureau presentations during 2002-2003. Additional presentations will be planned for the upcoming year. Organizations that received presentations over the last year included:

- Aloha/Hillsboro Sunrise Rotary Club
- Beaverton-Tanasbourne Kiwanis Club
- Century High School Parent Advisory Committee
- CPO 7: Sunset West/Rock Creek/Bethany
- Glencoe High School Parent Club
- Hillsboro Chamber Latino Business Advisory Council
- Hillsboro Community Senior Center
- Kiwanis Club of Hillsboro
- Lexington Estates Homeowners Association
- Latino Business Advisory Committee
- Optimist Club
- Tuality Masonic Lodge
- Hillsboro Downtown Business Association

After each presentation, speakers were asked to provide a summary of their experience, and collect feedback forms from audience members. A complete listing of responses generated during these presentations is provided in the appendix. A summary follows:

Based on written feedback from 80 citizens participating in Hillsboro 2020 Speakers Bureau presentations:

- ❑ 48 participants indicated they were aware of Hillsboro 2020 prior to the Speakers Bureau presentation. Another 32 said they were not aware.

- ❑ Audience members who had heard of Hillsboro 2020 previously said their knowledge came from:
  - Media 15
  - Mailings 7
  - Events 3
- ❑ Eight audience members had participated in development of the Vision.
- ❑ Six audience members had participated in implementation of the vision.
- ❑ When asked if Vision implementation was on the right track, audience members responded:
  - Yes: 56
  - Not Sure: 19
  - No: 1
- ❑ Comments vary, though the majority of respondents appeared to be pleased, if not surprised, that a long-range plan existed in Hillsboro.
- ❑ Well over 50% of audience members asked to be added to the Hillsboro 2020 mailing list.

## **HILLSBORO 2020 VISION AWARDS**

For the first time, the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) debuted a Hillsboro 2020 Vision Awards Program to honor an Outstanding Individual and Outstanding Organization. These awards, which “*recognize Hillsboro citizens, both individuals and organizations, for their exceptional service to the community in promoting achievement of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan,*” were presented at the 2003 Annual Town Hall Meeting.

Award winners were selected based on their efforts to further the goals of Hillsboro 2020 and promote implementation efforts. The *Outstanding Individual* category nominations were based on the following criteria:

1. Made an outstanding contribution to the mission and intent of Hillsboro 2020
2. Helped promote awareness of Hillsboro 2020 Vision throughout the community
3. Helped promote overall achievement of Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan
4. Undertook an extraordinary effort “above and beyond the call”
5. Made the most out of the least amount of resources

Based on these criteria, the VIC awards selection committee selected **Perry Gruber**, Community Affairs Manager for Intel, as the first individual to receive the Hillsboro 2020 Outstanding Individual award. Mr. Gruber was recognized for his efforts as Chair of the volunteer “On-Line Access Symposium Organizing Committee.” In this capacity, Mr. Gruber led local and national research on the Digital Divide including interviews with local leaders, organized and conducted two of three symposiums and meetings involving representatives from the high tech community, local government, and other special interests, and began preparing an action plan to increase on-line access in Hillsboro. Mr. Gruber has also been an instrumental part of Town Hall planning and organizing activities in recent years.

The Vision Implementation Committee noted Mr. Gruber’s hands-on leadership approach, enthusiasm and dedication to promoting the spirit of Hillsboro 2020.

*Outstanding Organization* category nominating criteria included:

1. Made an outstanding contribution to the mission and intent of Hillsboro 2020
2. Helped promote awareness of Hillsboro 2020 Vision throughout the community
3. Undertook and/or accomplished specific Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan strategies and actions
4. Promoted achievement of strategies or actions that would not otherwise have been achieved without the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Action Plan

The VIC awards selection committee found the **Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce** exemplified every one of the evaluation criteria. Among its many Hillsboro 2020-related efforts, the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce has established a special “Vision Committee” to address the actions where the organization has agreed to serve as a lead partner, and made significant progress on specific Vision action items including: planning a 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament in Downtown Hillsboro for summer, 2003; organizing Hillsboro’s first Digital Divide Symposium; and facilitating diverse business growth and development community-wide, in particular among emerging and multi-cultural businesses. The Hillsboro Chamber also provided professional staff support for the 2003 Annual Town Hall meeting, as well as other support for all Town Hall meetings.

The Vision Implementation Committee recognizes the Chamber’s proactive approach, and efforts to promote Hillsboro 2020 in the community.

## **LEAD PARTNER SURVEY**

The VIC issued its annual lead partner survey in 2002-2003 to gather feedback on individual action development. The following updates were incorporated into this 2002-2003 edition of the survey:

Refined categories for identifying action status. In the first two years of implementation, lead partners were asked to identify whether an action was: a) not started; b) underway; or c) complete. In its evaluation of partner responses, the VIC noted there was confusion whether on-going programs were “underway” or “completed.” In previous surveys, the responses varied depending upon the lead partner’s interpretation.

To clarify this issue and obtain a more accurate measure of implementation progress, the VIC instituted two sub-categories under the “complete” category – indicating whether the action was a one-time project or an on-going program.

Developed a new survey question relating to Speakers Bureau by asking lead partners if they would like to have a VIC member make a presentation to their organization. This addition to the survey was instituted to reflect the establishment of the Hillsboro 2020 Speakers Bureau in 2002-2003.

### III. Status of Vision Action Items: 2002-2003

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#### OVERVIEW

In December 2002, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) distributed its annual survey to all lead partners to determine the implementation status of each of the 114 Hillsboro 2020 action items. The survey is also used to identify potential impediments to implementation and generate information to provide context for lead partner implementation activities. Survey questions include:

- How far along are lead partners in planning or implementing their action(s)?
- Are lead partners experiencing any significant implementation challenges?
- Do lead partners need support or assistance from the Vision Implementation Committee?
- How have lead partners gone about implementing their action(s)? What outcomes can be reported?
- Do partners want to present their projects during a VIC meeting, Council session or at the Town Hall?
- Would lead partners like a VIC member to make a Hillsboro 2020 Speakers Bureau presentation to their organization?

#### FINDINGS

Based on survey results, 84 actions are categorized by the lead partners as underway or complete. Thirty-five (35) of those actions are being implemented ahead of schedule (Years 3-5 and 6+). Only three of the 72 actions scheduled to begin in years 1-2 have not yet been initiated. However, in each of these cases, the lead partner indicated a start date of March 2003.

A quantitative summary of action implementation progress, showing data comparisons from 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-3003, is provided in Table 1 on the following page. Additional findings include:

#### **Number of Lead partners requesting general Vision Implementation Committee support:**

- 2002-2003: 2**
- 2001-2002: 7
- 2000-2001: 9

#### **Number of Actions where some form of Vision Implementation Committee assistance is requested:**

- 2002-2003: 2**
- 2001-2002: 3
- 2000-2001: 13

#### **Number of Actions that require minor modification of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*:**

- 2002-2003: 1**
- 2001-2002: 2
- 2000-2001: 8

#### **Number of Actions where lead partners are working with support partners not listed in Action Plan:**

- 2002-2003: 16**
- 2001-2002: 18
- 2000-2001: 18

**TABLE 1: ACTION IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY**

STATUS	YEAR 1-2 ACTIONS			YEAR 3-5 ACTIONS			YEAR 6 + ACTIONS			TOTAL		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
<b>Underway</b>	28	34	<u>20</u>	13	19	<u>18</u>	1	5	<u>7</u>	42	58	<u>45</u>
<b>Implemented (One-Time Action)</b>	-	-	<u>5</u>	-	-	<u>0</u>	-	-	<u>0</u>	-	-	<u>5</u>
<b>Implemented (On-going Action)</b>	-	-	<u>24</u>	-	-	<u>9</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>34</u>
<b>*Subtotal: Implemented</b>	5	14	<u>29</u>	3	2	<u>9</u>	0	0	<u>1</u>	8	16	<u>39</u>
<b>Subtotal: Underway or Implemented</b>	33	48	<u>49</u>	26	21	<u>27</u>	1	5	<u>8</u>	50	74	<u>84</u>
<b>Not Started</b>	19	4	<u>3</u>	23	18	<u>12</u>	22	18	<u>15</u>	64	40	<u>30</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	52	52	<u>52</u>	39	39	<u>39</u>	23	23	<u>23</u>	114	114	<u>114</u>

\* Note: For 2002-2003, implementation status categories were revised to help distinguish between two types of completed or “implemented” actions; those that could be considered “one-time” affairs with clear start and end dates, and those that are “on-going” or programmatic in nature with no anticipated end date.

## RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE VISION AND ACTION PLAN

The *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* is a living document. As such, it may periodically require updating to ensure it remains consistent with community priorities and lead partner realities.

The Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) is responsible for recommending any minor changes to the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan* for Hillsboro City Council consideration. As described earlier, these potential changes fall into two categories:

*Requests to amend an action's wording, lead partner, or timeline*

*Requests to include a new organization in an action's list of potential partners*

These modifications should not change the intent of the action or supporting strategy. Proposed changes and Vision Implementation Committee recommendations for City Council action are described in the following sections.

### Requests to Modify Actions

During the course of implementing an action, lead partners may request the VIC consider minor modifications to their action's wording, timeline and, in some cases, proposed lead partner. In 2002-2003, the VIC received two requests to modify actions, shown in Table 2.

<b>TABLE 2: PROPOSED ACTION MODIFICATIONS</b>			
<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Lead Partner Request</b>	<b>Action Topic</b>	<b>Vision Implementation Committee Recommendation/Rationale</b>
<b>25.2</b>	Modify Action 25.2 language so that it encompasses the spirit of the goals set forth while at the same time ensures an outcome that is feasible: A focus on school achievement rather than on the recognition program.	Approve new topic: <i>Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Education for Youth</i>	Approve new language: <i>"Educate and assist K-12 students and school staff to reduce solid waste and expand recycling participation."</i>
<b>28.1</b>	Westside Economic Alliance would like to transfer lead partner responsibilities for this action to Hillsboro Economic Development Partnership. The latter has agreed to assume the lead partner role.	"Develop definition of sustainable family-wage jobs."	Approve.

### Requests to Add New Potential Partners

A number of Hillsboro 2020 lead partners indicate they are working with groups not originally identified in their action's "potential partner" column within the Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan. In each case, the lead partner asked to add one or more new entities to its list of potential partners. Additions are summarized in Table 3 below, along with the Vision Implementation Committee's recommendation for action.

**TABLE 3: RECOMMENDED POTENTIAL PARTNER ADDITIONS**

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action Topic</b>	<b>Original Potential Partner List</b>	<b>Proposed Partner Addition(s)</b>	<b>Vision Implementation Committee Recommendation</b>
7.2	Convention Center	City of Hillsboro; State agencies; businesses; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce; Port of Portland; developers; Tualatin Valley Television.	Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau.	Approve.
11.1	Identify/Map Pathways	Bicycle/Pedestrian Pathway Task Force; Washington County; Metro; community and civic groups; neighborhood groups.	TriMet.	Approve.
12.2	Transit Service Expansion	City of Hillsboro; downtown groups; private businesses; other government agencies; Washington County (Department of Aging and Veteran Services); developers.	Westside Transportation Alliance.	Approve.
13.2	Historical Society	Washington County Historical Society; Hillsboro Landmarks Commission / Cultural Center; Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce; Tualatin Valley Television.	Hillsboro Arts; HART.	Approve.
20.1	Landscaped Area Opportunities	Property owners; City of Hillsboro; homeowners associations; volunteer organizations; business sponsors.	Tualatin Valley Garden Club and Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department.	Approve.
27.2	Emerging Business Support	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce; City of Hillsboro; Westside Economic Alliance; Portland Development Commission; Entrepreneurial Forum; Oregon Economic Business Initiative.	Small Business Development Center.	Approve.
34.2	Libraries as Resource Centers Promotion	Neighborhood Associations; Hispanic community; Washington County Cooperative Library Service; National Endowment for the Humanities; Regional Arts Council; Hillsboro Library Foundation; Friends of the Library; Hillsboro School District.	Centro Cultural, Hillsboro Rotary Club.	Approve.
38.4	Public Art Display Venues	Hillsboro School District; Hispanic Groups; Hillsboro Senior Center; Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club.	Northwest Arts Support Group; Main Street Art Society; Westside Cultural Arts Alliance; Regional Arts & Culture Council.	Approve.
39.2	New Latino Arts and Cultural Center Study	Washington County Historical Society; City of Hillsboro; Chamber of Commerce; Retired Seniors Volunteer Program; Regional Arts and Culture Council	Oregon Historical Society; Folk Art Life Program.	Approve.

**TABLE 3: RECOMMENDED POTENTIAL PARTNER ADDITIONS (CONTINUED)**

<b>Action Number</b>	<b>Action Topic</b>	<b>Original Potential Partner List</b>	<b>Proposed Partner Addition(s)</b>	<b>Vision Implementation Committee Recommendation</b>
41.1	Health Care Referral Service Expansion	State and Washington County Services; City of Hillsboro; Washington County Healthy and Human Services Department/Department of Aging and Veteran Services; Media; Washington County Library Cooperative System; Community orgs.	Tuality Healthcare; Essential Healing Clinic; Virginia Garcia Clinics.	Approve.
41.2	Health Care Barrier Removal	Tuality Health Care; care community; Virginia Garcia Clinic; Community Action Organization; Oregon Health Plan; Washington County: Department of Aging and Veteran Services / Commission on Children and Families / Health and Human Services; Oregon Adult and Family Services Division; Hillsboro School District.	Centro Cultural; Housing Development Corporation of Washington County; Preventative Medicine Residency Program (OHSU); Pacific University School of Physical Assistant Studies; St. Matthew Catholic Church; VISTA (Volunteers in Service To America).	Approve.
43.1	Public Safety Promotion	Local and public providers of police and fire services; Neighborhood and Participation Organizations (CPO's).	Washington County Environmental Community Awareness & Emergency Response; Tualatin Valley Television; SafeKids Washington County; Oregon SafeKids; Tuality Healthcare; Hillsboro Argus, KUIK Radio, Home Depot, GI Joes, Target, Intel; Hillsboro Downtown Businesses Association; Hillsboro School District.	Approve.
44.1	Community Safety Training / Targeting	Hillsboro School District; property managers; Neighborhood Associations; churches; key businesses; Community Participation Organizations (CPO's); Housing and Urban Development (HUD); Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services; Section 8 Programs.	Ceasefire Oregon; Tualatin Valley Television.	Approve.
46.1	School Resource Officer's Program Continuation	Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club; Washington County Juvenile Service; Hillsboro School District; Washington County Health Department; social/health services.	Bicycle Transportation Alliance.	Approve.

## REQUESTS FOR VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE ASSISTANCE

In addition to considering proposed modifications to the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, the Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) reviewed lead partner requests for assistance. Requests were classified in one of two categories:

*Requests for general assistance*

*Requests for action-specific assistance*

### Requests for General Assistance

Table 4 summarizes lead partner requests for general assistance, and the Vision Implementation Committee's recommendation for follow-up.

<b>TABLE 4: REQUESTS FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Lead Partner(s)</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Vision Implementation Committee Recommendation</b>
Centro Cultural	Please keep Centro Cultural informed and in contact with any upcoming plans or proposals on public facilities in the area that could potentially be used as an Arts and Culture Center. Centro Cultural is very interested in presenting their process to the VIC in May 2003, and requesting your help for the last year of the project.	Planning Team to contact Centro Cultural.
Hillsboro Community Arts	Networking with lead partners, organizations, corporate connections to publicize HCA events would be very helpful.	Planning Team to follow-up.

### Requests for Action-Specific Assistance

Table 5 summarizes lead partners requests for action-specific assistance, along with the Vision Implementation Committee's recommendation for responding to each request.

<b>TABLE 5: REQUESTS FOR ACTION-SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE</b>				
<b>Actions Proposed To Begin Years 1-2</b>				
<b>Action #</b>	<b>Action Topic</b>	<b>Lead Partner(s)</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Vision Implementation Committee Recommendation</b>
11.4	Sidewalk Incentives	Bicycle / Pedestrian Pathway Task Force	Define what is meant by "incentives" for this action. What type of incentives does this action contemplate providing?	Planning Team to follow-up.
33.1	New Education Action Council	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	Help clarify expectations and determine possible implementation strategies.	Planning Team to follow-up.

## IV. Town Hall Meeting

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As part of its charge, the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC) hosts “an annual Town Hall meeting for public discussion of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*.” In preparing to undertake this charge, the VIC has six goals for this meeting:

- To publicize the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan implementation progress
- To recognize vision implementation successes
- To promote on-going vision implementation
- To encourage citizen awareness & involvement
- To elicit community feedback regarding vision implementation
- To provide additional information and input for the Annual Progress Report

Every year the Town Hall Planning Committee prepares and implements a City wide marketing effort to promote the event. This year the committee added an “infomercial” to its menu of marketing tools to help accomplish that goal. The 18-minute television spot announcing the Town Hall included an interview featuring two Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee members. This promotional video played several times on Tualatin Valley Television (T VTV) prior to the event.

The committee utilized promotional avenues including announcements sent with the City water bill, distribution of 25,000 flyers through mailings and other venues, and advertisements in local newsletters and newspapers. The result of this extensive marketing effort brought over 160 people to the event. The Town Hall was also covered by T VTV, making the event accessible to those citizens unable to attend, as well as those desiring to view it again.

The Town Hall was held on the evening of April 10, 2003, with doors opening at 5:30 P.M. and running until approximately 8:00 P.M. Piano tunes were played by musician David Lee while citizens perused the community partner displays. At 6:15, the Four Sopranos opened the special presentation portion of the event with an upbeat rendition of *America the Beautiful*.

The evening’s presentation by City of Hillsboro Economic Development Director Larry Pederson, entitled “*Building Hillsboro’s Future: People, Places, Jobs*,” highlighted Vision projects related to stimulating Hillsboro’s economy. In addition, the program included essay readings by three Hillsboro students and the presentation of the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Awards to the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce (Outstanding Organization) and Perry Gruber (Outstanding Individual). The presentation concluded at 7:45 P.M., allowing community members additional time to visit the community partner displays. Childcare, Spanish translation services, and refreshments were provided throughout the event.

During the public discussion, members of the community offered numerous comments and questions. A sample of comments and questions follows:

I am really impressed by this process.

I’ve been in Hillsboro for 25 years, and it’s exciting to see what’s happening in the community – from light rail to the new civic center, the preserve, and new library. Thank you for that.

How will the City ensure our quality of life, which is already being impacted by traffic congestion in a number of residential areas?

I see there are several education focus areas – will the Vision plan be expanded? I think there’s a growing sense in the community, petitions going on at this point, that the community needs to pick up the slack in education. Is there anything we can do?

A complete summary of public feedback is provided in the appendices.

## **V. Acknowledgments**

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John Coulter*	Chair, Public at Large
Shirley Huffman*	Vice Chair, Neighborhoods
John Godsey*	Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
Mary Brown	Tuality Healthcare
Manuel Castaneda	Public at Large
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Business Education Compact	Jackson Bottom Wetland Preserve Board
Centro Cultural	SOLV
City of Hillsboro	Tualatin Valley Television <sup>3</sup>
Clean Water Services	Tuality Healthcare
Community Action Organization	Washington County (Departments)
Hillsboro Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force	Aging and Veteran Services
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce	Solid Waste and Recycling
Hillsboro Community Arts	Washington County Fair Board
Hillsboro Downtown Business Association	Westside Economic Alliance
Hillsboro Economic Development Partnership	Westside Transportation Alliance
Hillsboro Historical Society	Worksystems, Inc.
Hillsboro School District	

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### **TOWN HALL SPONSORS**

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce  
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<sup>2</sup> Unified Sewerage Agency (USA) changed its name to Clean Water Services in May 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Tualatin Valley Community Access (TVCA) is now called (TVTV), Tualatin Valley Television.

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Gordon Faber and Pastor Tim Huber

## **TOWN HALL SPEAKERS**

Mayor Tom Hughes	City of Hillsboro
John Coulter	Chair, Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee
Larry Pederson	Economic Development Director, City of Hillsboro
Christina Nieves	Student, Hillsboro School District
Lisa Murphy	Student, Hillsboro School District
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## **TOWN HALL ENTERTAINMENT**

Dave Lee, Piano  
*The Four Sopranos* led by Lavanda Davis, Hillsboro High School

Elizabeth Daniels, Hillsboro High School	Julianne Shipley, Glencoe High School
Jessica Hanson, Century High School	Lindy Speer, Hillsboro High School

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## **TOWN HALL DOOR PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS**

Intel  
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The Sports Look

## **TOWN HALL LEAD PARTNER/TABLE REPRESENTATIVES**

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# **APPENDICES**



# HILLSBORO 2020 VISION IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

123 West Main Hillsboro, OR 97123 Phone: (503) 681-6219



December 6, 2002

(Community Partner – Hillsboro 2020 Vision)

Dear (Community Partner Name):

On behalf of the entire Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee (VIC), I would like to thank the Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services for its continued commitment to fulfilling the Hillsboro 2020 Vision during the 2002-2003 implementation year. The efforts put forth by your organization and the other Hillsboro 2020 lead partners have resulted in the initiation or completion of 73 out of 114 proposed actions in just the first two years of implementation! Attached to this letter, you will find our annual Lead Partner Survey. **Please take a few moments to complete and return this to us on or before January 10, 2003.**

I am proud to announce the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) honored Hillsboro 2020 with the organization's Core Values "Project of The Year" award. Such high-profile recognition is a tribute to the leadership and commitment our lead partners, including the Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services, have shown toward Hillsboro 2020. The VIC is grateful and extends our most heartfelt congratulations.

As you know, the VIC is charged by the Hillsboro City Council with tracking and evaluating the status of the Vision Action Plan. At the end of each year, the VIC must provide an Annual Progress Report to the Hillsboro City Council, and to the public during a Town Hall meeting. The enclosed *Partner Survey* is the primary mechanism for us to accurately identify "where things are." As the lead partner for one or more actions, the Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services is in the best position to provide information pertaining to:

- The implementation status for the action(s) where your organization is the lead partner
- Any highlights your organization would like to share regarding implementation of a specific action
- What challenges your organization has encountered or expects to encounter
- How the Committee might be able to assist your organization should challenges arise

In addition to generating a "snapshot" of implementation progress, the Partner Survey helps the VIC identify and acknowledge Vision-related success stories during our annual Town Hall meeting, in press releases, during our end-of-year report to City Council and elsewhere.

**Background Information:** For your convenience, a list of all Hillsboro 2020 Vision actions – broken down by the timeframe each was proposed for implementation – has been enclosed. Actions are listed by the topic and number assigned to them in the matrix provided in the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*. If you do not have a copy of the *Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan*, you may request one by calling Rene Heade at the City of Hillsboro at (503) 681-6468. A copy of the *2001-2002 Annual Progress Report* will be sent to you under separate cover.

**Volunteers:** The City of Hillsboro maintains a list of community volunteers who have expressed interest in assisting with implementation. In some cases, individuals have identified specific actions in which they have a particular interest. You may request a copy of this list by calling Rene Heade at the City of Hillsboro at (503) 681-6468.

Beyond monitoring and reporting on progress, the VIC is available to support or help facilitate implementation wherever appropriate or feasible. To that end, please feel free to contact me by phone at (503) 693-6499, or via e-mail (johnc@mindspring.com) if your organization has questions concerning one of its actions or the implementation process in general. If I am unable to help you myself, I will refer you to the appropriate person.

Finally, I want to mention a new initiative planned for this third year of implementation: the Hillsboro 2020 Speakers Bureau. Members of the VIC will be making presentations to a variety of community organizations this year, to provide an overview of what's happened over the last few years, as well as an opportunity for individuals and local entities to play a role in shaping upcoming activities. If you are interested in hosting a presentation, I encourage you to let us know within the enclosed survey. We think it will be well worth your time, and are certain your feedback will help us make sure the Vision remains on track.

**Please complete and return the enclosed survey by January 10, 2003.** If you would prefer to complete the survey electronically, you may request an e-mail version from Rene Heade, City of Hillsboro, at the phone number listed above.

Thank you for your help in this important community project. We wish you well.

Sincerely,

John Coulter, Chair  
Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee

Enclosures

P.S. Please mark your calendars for the next Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall meeting to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the Tuality Health Education Center. We will mail details to you closer to the event.

## Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Lead Partner Survey: 2002-2003

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Please help the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee assess Vision 2020 progress by responding to the following questions. Questions in the General Information section need be answered only once. The Action Item Questionnaire should be filled-out for **each separate action** for which your organization has agreed to serve as lead partner. If you have questions, or would like to request an electronic version of the survey, please contact Erik Jensen, Project Manager, City of Hillsboro, at (503) 681-6418.

**Completed surveys should be mailed or faxed no later than January 10, 2003 to:**

**Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee**  
c/o City of Hillsboro  
123 W. Main Street  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
Fax: 503.681.6232

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### General Information

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

- I. Can the Vision Implementation Committee provide any assistance to help your organization with implementation of its actions? If yes, what type of support or assistance is needed?  
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- II. Would you like to make a presentation about one of your actions during any of the forums listed below?  
 Implementation Committee Meeting     Hillsboro City Council Session     Town Hall Meeting
  
- III. Are you interested in having a Vision Implementation Committee member make a Hillsboro 2020 presentation to your organization? If yes, we will contact you to make arrangements.  
 Yes: Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- IV. After completing the Action Item Questionnaire(s) for each of your lead partner actions, please feel free to share *additional* information or comments you may have in the space provided below.  
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# ACTION ITEM QUESTIONNAIRE

Action #: \_\_\_\_\_ Action Topic (See Topic Key): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if different than primary): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than primary): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. How far along is your organization in implementing this action?**

**Not Started** (anticipated start date): \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

**Underway** (anticipated completion date): \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

*The action is in the planning, set-up or construction phases, but is not yet completely implemented.*

**Implemented (Circle either A or B below)**

**A. One-Time Project** Start date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year Month / Year

*The action has been fully implemented, and no further work is anticipated.*

**B. On-Going Program** (date program deemed "up and running"): \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

*The action has been fully implemented as a program, and is expected to continue indefinitely.*

**2. What steps have you taken to implement this action, and what specific outcomes have resulted?**

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**3. Are you experiencing or anticipating any challenges that may hinder implementation of your action? If so, please describe below.**

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**4. Is there anything else you would like to share pertaining to implementation of this action?**

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**5. Are you working with organizations not currently listed as a potential support partner for your action in the Hillsboro 2020 Vision and Action Plan? If so, please list the organization(s):**

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## 2003 Hillsboro 2020 Vision

### Summary of Town Hall Feedback Forms

**Total feedback forms collected at Town Hall: 12**

#### **How did you find out about the Hillsboro 2020 Town Hall?**

Friend, Neighbor, Co-worker	3
Organization Newsletter	1
Newspaper Advertisement	1
Flyer	3
Mailing	2
Other	4

- ◆ Flyer regarding HSD budget
- ◆ Internet

Numbers include forms marked with more than one method.

#### **Do you think vision implementation efforts are headed in the right direction?**

(8) YES      (2) NO (2) Didn't know

Comments:

- ◆ I've seen the improvements
- ◆ Excellent communication and outreach, to give ownership to the community
- ◆ Yes, but maybe the Tanasbourne Library should be started now while interest rates are low, just like the Civic Center has been started despite a tight budget.
- ◆ I am very excited about the projects for the City. I think the goals are heading toward the public's wishes for a livable, enjoyable city.
- ◆ I think the 5 goals (enhancing neighborhoods, preserving environment, etc) are right on track. I particularly am concerned for the environment.
- ◆ Yes & No – really need to look at what we can do to ensure schools are excellent. What are \$ raising options? Are we motivating quickly to bring our schools out of a slump we may have difficulty recovering from?
- ◆ Broad base of citizen involvement and demonstrated progress toward meeting goals.
- ◆ No, we are placing infrastructure priorities above our future growth in our children's education where funds are needed to keep Hillsboro's growth in education and making Hillsboro a place people want to live and provide their children with an excellent education for all.
- ◆ Yes, except I'd like to see more focus on education – especially K-12.
- ◆ School dilemma needs to be addressed more.

## Have you participated in any vision implementation activities?

(1) YES      (11) NO

- ◆ Attended Bicycle Pedestrian Pathways community meeting at Orenco Elementary Fall 2002. Will attend 4/24 Park & Recreations Master Plan meeting.
- ◆ I will watch for future opportunities.

### Additional Comments or Questions:

- ◆ Get more people involved with this program. Mostly seniors. I would like to help where I can.
- ◆ The School District Administration's failure to address the funding crisis in a productive, effective or responsible manner will have a terrible impact on our community.
- ◆ I'm very concerned that the 2020 Vision Plan can accommodate, indeed embrace, a change of priorities during a crisis. The VIC could only be commended for throwing their weight behind raising funds for education – immediately? You have an amazing program.
- ◆ Could next year's "showcase presentation" be on preserving the environment, greenspaces and bike/ped paths? I thought all the translated handouts and the headphone translation into Spanish was wonderful. I hope Hillsboro can get more Hispanics involved.
- ◆ I would love to see community garden projects – educational & practical.
- ◆ It would have been nice if at least one female presenter had been involved if possible. One issue I would like to see addressed is roadside signs and billboards; and keeping them from cluttering the landscape. How are Vision goals meshed with legal policy? Influential or development of policy?
- ◆ Keep up the good work! Schools, Schools, Schools!
- ◆ Good presentations. Could have used more slides of the projects underway toward the goals. Difficult to respond to Q & A session on what priorities should be for future when I don't understand what all the 2020 Vision projects are.
- ◆ I hope the Hillsboro City Council and the 2020 Vision process can be flexible to respond to the current education budget crisis in a positive, proactive way. At this point our children do not have access to an "exceptional" education, but to a minimally acceptable one.
- ◆ Please don't let Wal-Mart come.
- ◆ What can we do to put public education of our children as the top priority of Oregon and the City? Why not be known for our educational excellence standards – these kids could contribute much more to our society as adults, if there were superior education offered instead of what is happening now in our district.

## 2003 HILLSBORO 2020 VISION TOWN HALL

### SUMMARY OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION

*April 10, 2003*

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In these difficult budget times, will money shortages slow down the implementation of the action plan?

- *Response: For the City's part, we're only one of the 18 partners on the different projects, but we have budgeted a number of Vision action items and moving forward with implementation. We're wrapping up the year 1 and 2 projects and moving on to the year 3-5 projects. My understanding is that the other partners in the process are trying to do the same.*

It's hard for my to imagine that the school district as a major partner to this process, with an \$18 million budget cut in the works. I think that should be a concern for our leadership and for people in our community.

- *Response: The meeting at Glencoe High School tonight is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the three public meetings regarding potential budget cuts for next year. The district's website ([www.hsd.k12.or.us](http://www.hsd.k12.or.us)) provides additional information about this topic. Our involvement with the Vision is vital – providing after school programs with opportunities for students, for instance. The Vision 2020 plan is part of the solution for some of our funding problems.*

About promoting family-wage jobs in Hillsboro – where do you stand about bringing in Wal-Mart into Hillsboro?

- *Response: As some of you are aware, we're currently engaged in a land-use project with regard to Wal-Mart siting. That process involves some legal requirements that prevent some of us here in the audience, including the City Councilors and some of the planning commissioners, and myself, from participating in a discussion about the wisdom (or lack of wisdom) of bringing Wal-Mart to the community. If you have a procedural question, we can answer it. However, at this time, we can't have topic-specific discussions outside of the public process.*

When is the public hearing on Wal-Mart?

- *Response: The open hearing has already closed; deadline for receipt of additional testimony was yesterday (April 9). However, there is a deadline for receiving testimony in response to other testimony: April 16, 5:00 PM. If anyone has previously testified, they can submit rebuttal testimony in response.*

I am really impressed by this process. I moved to Hillsboro a couple of years ago. Parts that are intriguing to me are the second goal: maintains its small town livability; sustains are quality of life. In the action plan, the City of Hillsboro is responsible for the majority of the actions. How will the City ensure our quality of life, which is already being impacted by traffic congestion in a number of residential areas?

- *Response: The City has a transportation plan; we're in the process of establishing funding to carry out that plan. It's a long-term process and will happen over many years. We are working on it, and are trying to make improvements.*

This introduction to the Vision very impressive. The school district situation is helped by the public being active in the meetings, getting on the website ([www.hsd.k12.or.us](http://www.hsd.k12.or.us)) and giving comments, that lets us know that our city is there for us. Take what you know here and what was shared tonight, and give support for these kids.

I was meeting together with some other leaders in churches and non-profit organizations. The job market is changing in the Latino community, which relies on hands-on and agriculture work. The strawberry market is changing, for instance. Has there been any planning in response to the increasing amount of farming that replaces labor with combines? What planning has gone into helping these communities who are put out of work?

- *Response: For those of you who don't pore over demographic statistics, the 2000 census revealed that 30% of Hillsboro's population is considered minority, with 20% of the total population being Hispanic. We actively seek to partner with our Latino community in provide a broad range of community and economic development opportunities. In collaboration with the Chamber, we support the Hillsboro Economic Development Partnership. We have hired bilingual staff and are constantly expanding educational opportunities. Our friends at Centro Cultural in Cornelius are doing some great work increasing Latino access to technology, both as an avocation and vocation. There is a lot of work being done. The Chamber of Commerce in Washington County applied for a regional investment grant and is going to study how cities around the Western US helped their Latino communities be more successful. We should have the results by the end of the summer. Clearly we are all encouraged by this engagement with the Latino community. There is a lot of work to do, and we are moving forward.*

My wife went to the school district meeting last night at Century High School. I'd like to start by commending the City and its employees; they did not wait until November 2019 to figure out what to do in 2020. The school district seems to be taking that approach. There are some things they could learn from this wonderful process and outreach, and consideration of the community's input. I picked up the summary of where we are – a progress report on the Vision. I see there are several education focus areas – will the Vision plan be expanded? I think there's a growing sense in the community, petitions going on at this point, that the community needs to pick up the slack in education. Is there anything we can do?

- *Response: Expanding the Vision is one of the things that the implementation committee has considered very seriously. The Vision is a living document and is reviewed every year. Currently, the plan is to review new action proposals and, as needed, incorporate them under existing strategies. The Vision Implementation Committee is considering the incorporation of new strategies at five-year intervals. However, we will first need to develop a broad public involvement process, similar to the one undertaken when we created the original Vision and Action Plan. When we began, we wanted to reach out to the grass roots, and reflect what the community as a whole was looking for. We have a process by which you can submit your ideas, which is available on the website ([www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/vision](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us/vision)). We have some very good staff people who will make sure the Vision Implementation Committee will get the information. Clearly, we are going to need to generate some new ideas – we already have 80 of the actions completed or underway.*

Thank you to the people who have spoken up. I've taught in this community for 26 years, so I consider Hillsboro where I live. The schools have provided a tremendous product in the time I've been here, and I'm concerned about next year. If there's anything anyone in this group can do, please help. Elected officials have a role, of course. I also encourage businesses to allow their employees to volunteer in the schools.

I was wondering about the green spaces and the environment – what is the plan in general?

- *Response: We're currently working on a process to protect our natural resources. We are in the program phase, which is actually writing protective ordinances. We're working with Metro, the Tualatin Basin, and the Tualatin Healthy Streams Program. Also, we are always keeping an eye on wetlands. Volunteers are invited to get involved in the program phase – get in touch with the City for more information.*

I've been in Hillsboro for 25 years, and it's exciting to see what's happening in the community – from light rail to the new civic center, the preserve, and building a new library. Thank you for that. One of my main issues for this community is that high-tech businesses are located here, making this community an engine for the area. What you're doing will help persuade companies to locate here. Education is a key, and we have to do whatever we can to improve the schools and the livability. We have to make sure Intel doesn't decide to build somewhere else. I want to commend you for all the work you have done.

- *Response: This is a community project with many partners. Look at the back of the room, browse the partner displays, and learn about all the projects that are happening and how you might get involved.*