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### **City of Lake Oswego Economic Development Department Relocates**

**LAKE OSWEGO** – The Economic & Capital Development Department and Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency (LORA) staff have temporarily moved to 430 5<sup>th</sup> Street in order to free up space at the overcrowded City Hall. Brant Williams - Directory of Capital Projects, Bob Galante - Redevelopment Agency Director, and Jane Blackstone - Economic Development Manager, moved into the temporary space on February 1, 2010. Businesses and citizens are encouraged to visit the new location and learn more about the department.

City staff considered several options to relieve space pressure in City Hall while continuing to meet service needs and expectations, and build key partnerships. LORA manages the City's urban renewal area in downtown Lake Oswego, therefore, continuing to be located in the urban renewal area was deemed crucial. In addition, the economic development function of the City works in partnership with business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, which is located in downtown, and with City departments located in City Hall. Upon review of business needs, operating efficiency, and immediate space needs at City Hall, the priority was placed on a temporary downtown location as opposed to other city owned space at the West End Building (WEB).

City Hall has long been identified as being too small to meet the City's needs and has structural issues for certain functions. The City is looking at larger scale relocations of services to the WEB and building of other facilities to meet seismic standards for critical services such as police and dispatch to alleviate the longer term problems with office space.

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