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NEWS RELEASE

INCORPORATION GROUP RELEASES POLLING DATA

Friends of Local Control (FoLC), a community group that has been studying the feasibility of forming a city in the area between Milwaukie, Gladstone, the Willamette River, and Oatfield Ridge, announced today the results of their recent poll. Random interviews were held with 300 registered voters between May 9 – 21, 2011. Polling was conducted by Intercept Research of Tigard, Oregon. The sampling error is +/- 5%.

The survey found that 81% of the people in the Oak Lodge area are satisfied or very satisfied with the level of growth, planning and public services. 71% recognize the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners as the governing body **for the area, and** 66% prefer that the area be kept unincorporated.

In a related question: If voters in the area had to choose between incorporation and annexation, 38% prefer to form a city, 32% prefer to annex to a neighboring city, and 30% are undecided.

“Our objective has been to provide data to the community on the issue of incorporation.” said William Wild, President of Friends of Local Control. “We did not embark in a public education program prior to the poll, or create some gloom and doom scenario to scare people into forming a city. We wanted **to** find out, given what people know about the issue today, what the level of support for incorporating as a city would be. People in the area clearly prefer their current governance structure.”

Survey results also indicate that the public would like more information on the issue. “We are a resource for the community, not an incorporation advocacy group.” said Wild. “Our mission is to educate area residents about city formation. FOLC will look again at the feasibility of incorporation if there is interest expressed in the community. Until then, the group plans only to maintain its role as a resource.”

Survey results have been posted on the Friends of Local Control web site, www.friendsoflocalcontrol.org.

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