

## HCR 25 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Rules

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/7

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure recognizes and honors Carol Rulla for her remarkable contributions to Gresham and to the people of Oregon.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 The amendment revises a whereas clause to reflect how Carol Rulla's work helped strengthen the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations.

*FISCAL: No fiscal impact*

*REVENUE: No revenue impact*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Carol Rulla began attending Kelly Creek Neighborhood Association meetings in 2005, and shortly after, her passion for solving problems and commitment to supporting those who were unaccustomed to speaking up for themselves saw her elected president of the association. She led the Kelly Creek Neighborhood Association for three years before she began serving as its land use director, a role she remains passionate about to this day. In 2006, Carol Rulla was elected vice president of the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations, and a year later, she was voted president of the coalition.

Carol Rulla has spent two decades uplifting, informing and advocating for the neighborhoods of Gresham and helping to provide agency to all who live in the communities she serves. Her drive to help her neighbors across Gresham gain knowledge and understand how to advocate effectively has helped strengthen the Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations into a cohesive community of neighborhoods and a respected, trusted voice at Gresham City Hall and within the community.

Whether she is wading into the murky world of land use rules and city code, creating concept plans for Gresham's undeveloped parks, or improving the city's sustainability through her involvement with the Gresham Repair Cafe, Carol Rulla's tireless devotion to her community has significantly improved the quality of life for all those who call Gresham home.