



City of Elgin

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Dear Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, Committee Members,

The City of Elgin supports SB 771 to provide funding for rodeo grounds improvements. This year marks the 78th Annual Elgin Stampede rodeo, and Elgin residents take pride in carrying this tradition on by providing one of the best small rodeos in the Northwest.

Currently, the Elgin Stampede is looking to replace the Elgin Stampede Community Hall. The Elgin Stampede Community Hall has served the Elgin community and surrounding area for more than 70 years, hosting events, funerals, crab feeds, fundraisers, and gatherings that have strengthened Elgin as a community. Now, as the Elgin Stampede looks to the future, it's time to ensure that this essential space can continue to support our community for generations to come. By building a new modern facility, the Elgin Stampede can provide a safe welcoming environment for everything from local events and family gatherings to emergency response efforts when our community needs it most.

Thank you for taking the time in considering supporting SB 771. This will have huge impact on the small rodeos in northeast Oregon. It definitely would help to support a safe environment for Elgin's Rodeo and the new Elgin Stampede Community Hall.

Remember to visit the Jewel of the Blue Mountains every 2nd full weekend in July to enjoy the Elgin Stampede!

Best regards,

Alex McHaddad
Elgin City Administrator