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**TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Capital Construction**

**RE: SB 5531 Support for City of Woodburn**

The Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce would like to express our support for the Settlemier Park improvements project included within Senate Bill 5531.

For the past 10 years, the City and its partners have worked extremely hard to fully fund the expansion of the Woodburn aquatic center into a full-service community center, building community support and investment and collecting funding for this important project from a wide variety of local businesses and state and federal fund sources.

To complement the new community center project, the City also needs to redevelop and revitalize our historic 10-acre Settlemier Park property in downtown Woodburn that has served as a local and regional park since 1946. Settlemier Park also houses a regional branch of the Salem Boys & Girls Club Teen Center and serves as a regional park for all of North Marion County.

Our business community also supports the Settlemier Park revitalization as this project will serve as a capstone to years of economic revitalization and accessibility improvements around our historic downtown core.

We respectfully ask for your support of this important project, providing improved and expanded gathering spaces and recreational and economic opportunities for one of Oregon's fastest growing communities.

Sincerely,

John Zobrist  
Executive Director  
Woodburn Area Chamber of Commerce