

Subject: **First-Ever Deschutes County Civic Assembly to Continue Deliberations**

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***First-Ever Civic Assembly in Deschutes County to Continue Deliberations
and Reach Recommendations on Youth Homelessness***

BEND – The [Deschutes County Civic Assembly](#) on Youth Homelessness, a first-ever civic assembly of 30 lottery-selected residents from across the county, will resume deliberations to address youth homelessness TOMORROW on October 4 at OSU Cascades in Bend, Oregon.

The group will meet for three full days, culminating on October 6 with a voting session to agree on recommendations to be submitted to local authorities. The assembly's final recommendations will be shared with the Youth Action Board, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, the Deschutes County Commissioners, and City of Bend Council. They will respond to the Civic Assembly's recommendations by the end of the year.

This is also the world's first tech-enhanced Citizens' Assembly where the entirety of the conversations are being recorded in an effort to improve the quality, legitimacy, and transparency of the process, and to generate outputs grounded in the voices of assembly members. The recordings are fully anonymised so that individuals can speak freely during deliberations.

The assembly is open for all media and the public to observe the proceedings at the following times and location. ***Please RSVP to ansel@demnext.org if you would like to attend.***

What: Deschutes County Civic Assembly on Youth Homelessness

When:

Friday, October 4 9am-4:30pm

Saturday, October 5 9am-4:30pm

Sunday, October 6 9am-4:30pm

Where: Edward J. Ray Hall Atrium, OSU Cascades, 1500 SW Chandler Ave, Bend, OR 97702

The Assembly is a part of the Central Oregon Civic Action Project (COCAP), a first-of-its-kind collaboration between Deschutes County, the City of Bend, the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, Oregon State University Cascades, and the nonprofits Healthy Democracy and DemocracyNext, supported by Ford Family Foundation, Brooks Resources, Omidyar Network, Quadrivium, and the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as the MIT Center for Constructive Communication.

For more information, visit the COCAP website: [click here](#).

To read a report on the first weekend's deliberations, [click here](#).

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