

Community



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Voters will decide May 15 whether to update the current plan for Eugene's urban renewal district, which includes the downtown mall.

Renewal measure sparks debate

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The downtown urban renewal district is once again at the center of controversy, and voters will have the chance to add their two cents to the discussion by voting on ballot measure 20-02 May 15.

The measure, sponsored by the Coalition for Fair Allocation of City Taxes, allows the public to decide whether to update the 22-year-old urban renewal district with a city council plan introduced last November.

The proposed city council plan would modify the goals of the urban renewal district to

use public funds to bring a mix of offices, housing, small retail shops and cultural events to downtown.

The measure that will appear on the May 15 ballot seems fairly straightforward, reading "Should the 1968 Downtown Urban Renewal Plan be updated

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