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Oregon Business Council Appoints John Tapogna as President
Longtime OBC leader succeeds Duncan Wyse, who will lead the OBC Action Lab

PORTLAND, Ore. — January 20, 2026 — The Oregon Business Council (OBC) today announced the appointment of John Tapogna as President, effective March 1st. Tapogna succeeds Duncan Wyse, who will transition from the presidency after more than 30 years to lead the OBC Action Lab, the organization's implementation-focused entity.

As President, Tapogna will serve as OBC's chief executive and public voice, leading execution of the organization's strategic priorities, strengthening the collective voice of Oregon's business leaders, and advancing data-driven policy and partnership efforts that support job creation, investment, and long-term economic competitiveness.

"John brings strategic clarity, deep policy expertise, and the credibility to unite business leaders and policymakers around Oregon's most pressing economic challenges," said David Drinkward, Chair of the OBC Board of Directors and CEO of Hoffman Construction. "He is exceptionally well prepared to lead OBC into its next chapter while building on the strong foundation Duncan established."

Tapogna has served as Economic Advisor to OBC since 2022, providing strategic and analytic leadership to the Oregon Business Plan and managing implementation of the Portland Central City Task Force recommendations. He previously spent more than 25 years at ECONorthwest, including serving as President.

Wyse will now focus on leading the OBC Action Lab to drive implementation of priority, multi-sector initiatives essential to Oregon's long-term prosperity.

"Duncan's leadership shaped OBC into Oregon's most respected, nonpartisan business voice," Drinkward said. "We are deeply grateful for his legacy and excited that he will continue to advance OBC's mission by turning strategy into action through the Action Lab."

For more information, visit <https://www.oregonbusinesscouncil.org>.

About the Oregon Business Council

Founded in 1985, the Oregon Business Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of senior business leaders committed to strengthening Oregon's economy and quality of life. OBC brings CEOs together to advance data-driven policy, convene influential forums, and mobilize business leadership to inform and shape Oregon's long-term economic future.

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