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**Beaverton City Council Candidate Jerome Sibayan to Hold
“NOT a Thousand Dollar Paella Party”
Food and funds will be raised to benefit local anti-hunger organizations**

[Jerome Sibayan](#), candidate for Beaverton City Council Position #1 in a runoff election this September, was stunned to learn that his opponent, Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, was holding an *up-to \$1,000 per person fundraiser* to solely benefit her campaign, where donors will eat paella prepared by Democratic lawmakers. “I believe that government exists to serve *all* of the people, not just those who can afford a thousand-dollar ticket,” explained Sibayan, “especially now, when Beaverton families are struggling, and pandemic recovery is an ongoing challenge.” Sibayan is self-funding his campaign and has pledged to donate all after tax Councilor compensation to local non-profits.

That’s why Sibayan is holding a **“NOT a Thousand Dollar Paella Party,”** to benefit local anti-hunger organizations. Currently, 1 in 5 people in our community are food insecure, an increase from 1 in 11 families prior to the COVID 19 pandemic. The hardest hit are communities of color, immigrants and refugees, single parents and caregivers, and trans and gender non-conforming neighbors.

Saturday, August 21st, from 2:00 – 6:00 PM, Sibayan and supporters including former Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, former Beaverton City Councilor Cate Arnold, Beaverton Police Association presence and many more will gather at **4455 SW Hocken Avenue in Beaverton, located between Farmington and Canyon Rd.** The spacious and easily accessed lot is owned by **Bob Lanphere, Jr., Owner of the Lanphere Auto Group.** Bob Lanphere, Jr. has endorsed Jerome Sibayan for Beaverton City Council and immediately offered the property for use. “I am very grateful to Bob Lanphere, Jr. for his support and the use of this ideal location, where people can easily come by and drop off food donations for local anti-hunger organizations,” expressed Sibayan. Additional thanks to **Domonic Biggi, CEO of Beaverton Foods, Inc.,** for pledging to donate gourmet condiments.

Two of the local anti-hunger pantries that will benefit from the donations include **Bethel Congregational Church**, located at 5150 SW Watson Avenue in Beaverton, and **St. Matthew**

Lutheran Pantry at 10390 SW Canyon Rd in Beaverton. The communities served by these anti-hunger organizations especially need specific pantry staples including peanut butter, any canned meats, vegetables, fruit or soup, pasta, rice, cereal, beans, shelf-stable milk and cooking oil. In addition, the pantry at Bethel Congregational also requests toiletries (soap, shampoo, paper products, etc).

More details available at the **NOT a Thousand Dollar Paella Party Event Page:**
<https://jerome4beaverton.org/benefit/>

For even greater an impact, please consider making a financial donation at give.oregonfoodbank.org. To donate or find more information on ways to get involved in anti-hunger efforts, please visit oregonfoodbank.org.

The City of Beaverton runoff election will be held September 21st, 2021. Jerome reminds Beaverton voters that “Every vote matters. Every vote counts.”

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