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City Council Member Tim Leavitt to build *Mainstream Green House*

Vancouver, Wash. – Vancouver City Council Member Tim Leavitt will go so far as to build his own home green to “walk the talk” of sustainability.

Goals and project plans for the *Mainstream Green House* were cooperatively created by local utility representatives, green building consultants, architects, developers, and interior designers at an eco-charrette. The home will be built in the Lincoln Neighborhood of Vancouver.

“It is simply the right thing to do,” announced Leavitt. “We have been talking a lot in our community recently about sustainability and green. Now, it’s time to walk the talk.”

Leavitt has partnered with the non-profit organization Project Green Build to assist with the home’s construction. Project Green Build’s role is to develop an educational program for the project, as well as to coordinate the research and selection of green building materials that fit within budget.

“We want to raise awareness in the community about the viability of green building for mainstream Vancouver,” said Leavitt. “Green technology has improved dramatically and the costs are dropping for green materials. The home will be comfortable, efficient and pleasant to live in. That, and it will have a fraction of the utility bill. It’s very exciting.”

Property development and architectural work for the *Mainstream Green House* is underway and construction is scheduled to begin in Winter 2008.

For more information on the *Mainstream Green House* project or for becoming involved as a project partner, contact Project Green Build at (360) 635-2142 or at info@projectgreenbuild.org.

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About the Mainstream Green House

The *Mainstream Green House* will serve dual roles as an open house and educational classroom. Guided tours of the home's construction are being planned and a website has been created to further explain green building techniques, materials and systems. Partnerships will be forged among local businesses to expand and promote an affordable green building market.

“Green building is a growing market opportunity,” said Brandon Tauscher, Executive Director of Project Green Build and Regional Board Director for the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild. “Demonstration projects are ways to inform and connect the marketplace in a real way.”

About Project Green Build

Project Green Build (PGB) is a 501(c)(3) educational non-profit corporation. The organization provides green building education, outreach, research and consultation, and forges partnerships among community stakeholders. Founded by former La Center High School teacher Brandon Tauscher, the organization currently brings together a network of green building professionals and suppliers to provide experiential learning opportunities for builders and the public, and works with local jurisdictions to standardize green building throughout SW Washington.

The Living House at Felida (www.felidalivinghouse.com) and Mainstream Green House (<http://www.mainstreamgreenhouse.org>) are single-family demonstration projects currently under development.

About Tim Leavitt

Tim Leavitt has resided in Clark County since 1980. He graduated from Fort Vancouver High School, Clark Community College (AA Degree/Pre-Engineering), and Washington State University (Civil Engineering, 1994; Masters Environmental Engineering, 1997).

Leavitt is a graduate of the Leadership Clark County program (2000) and has served in leadership capacity with the Image Neighborhood Association, Vancouver Rotary Club, and SW WA American Society of Civil Engineers. In 2001, Leavitt was appointed to the Vancouver Planning Commission. In 2003, he was appointed to the Vancouver City Council and subsequently elected in 2004 and 2007. He serves on numerous boards and committees, including the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, Clark College Alumni Association and the C-TRAN Board of Directors.

Leavitt is a professional civil engineer for PBS Engineering + Environmental, Vancouver, WA.