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Mayor Shane Bemis
City of Gresham
1333 NW Eastman Parkway
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Dear Mayor Bemis,

I appreciate your letter inviting me to the Teddy Bear Parade on September 29. I heartily accept your invitation because, as you know, Gresham is very nearly the best city in Oregon. That is why I am planning to annex you next spring using duct tape which I will have affixed around your boundary. Apparently the duct tape will help us avoid a lot of the nasty legal mumbo jumbo, and just get to the business of acquiring you.

In the meantime, I am hopeful that you are serious about allowing me to ride in the parade aboard one of your Gresham Fire apparatus, as I feel I may need the protection of my firefighter brothers and sisters to escape the parade without injury.

Finally, I wanted to address my comments, which were perceived by you and your citizens to be "grumpy." For the record, that was me attempting humor, which I should not do because although I laugh a lot, I am not funny. Your letter on the other hand was very humorous. I am hopeful that we can have lunch soon, and perhaps you would consider giving a neighboring commissioner (for now) a few lessons.

Sincerely,

Randy Leonard
Commissioner, City of Portland