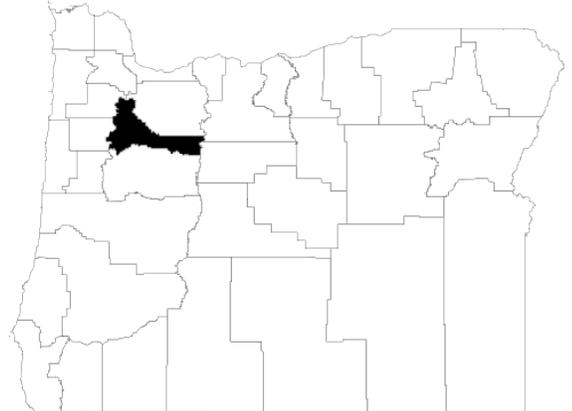




## Friends of Old Town Stayton / City of Stayton

### Community Profile

County Marion  
 City Stayton  
 Population 8,000



### Assignment

Organization Friends of Old Town Stayton / City of Stayton  
 Supervisor Alan Meyer  
 RARE Member Isaac Kort-Meade

#### About Friends of Old Town Stayton / City of Stayton

Friends of Old Town Stayton was founded in 2015, and acts as Stayton’s downtown association. Until now, they have never had a full-time paid staff member to assist on project. Issac will act as the face of the organization, attending events and working directly with businesses and other community groups. He will be the go between for business within the organization itself. Additionally, he will plan and coordinate events put on by FOTS. FOTS helps local businesses find and apply for grants, and he hopes to expand this role to work more with the Chamber of Commerce to recruit and assist businesses in their success. He is also working on volunteer and budget management. FOTS is hoping to move into a full membership organization soon, so Isaac is working with the board to organize membership forms, dues, and responsibilities.

Isaac is also serving as the Economic Development Assistant for the city. In this role, he will be putting together a housing inventory for all of Stayton, updating the downtown revitalization plan to better reflect current issues in the community and collaborate with hired consultants to put together an economic development plan for Stayton.



#### Meet Isaac Kort-Meade

- B.A. in Planning, Public Policy and Management & Economic, minor in Political Science – University of Oregon
- People may be surprised when they learn that I am essentially an only child with a large family. I grew up with 16 first cousins on my father’s side, and 13 close cousins on my mother’s- plus their spouses and kids, and my aunts and uncles. One friend compared my family to the United Nations, as it is Black, white, Irish, Latino, and Jewish.
- I feel as if my most significant accomplishment is yet to come. I have spent the last four years engaged in a variety of class projects, many modeled on real work. For instance, I developed a transportation proposal for Stockton, California, in one of my classes; I mapped and created comparisons for the McKenzie River using ArcGIS on my internship with Lane Council of Governments.