

October 28, 2021

Chair Smith, Commissioners Fischer, Savas, Schrader and Shull,

We are writing to you as business leaders, elected officials and community members who are deeply concerned that the Board of County Commissioners is not moving fast enough to address the humanitarian crisis on our streets, meet the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, or match the expectations of your constituents.

The region's voters entrusted the three County Commissions in the region with the resources to address the scale and scope of our homeless crisis through the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) measure. All three counties face the same challenges regarding the timing of revenue receipts and obligations to meet the goals outlined in the approved Local Implementation Plans, yet Clackamas County is the only county that is not implementing its plan. The approved budgets and initial progress of Multnomah and Washington counties demonstrate their commitment to meeting the challenge of this moment. We urge the County Commissioners to follow the lead of our tri-county partners and start acting with haste to implement the program promised to the voters and desperately needed by the people living without secure housing.

The crisis at hand demands we act with urgency. There are immediate actions as well as long term solutions you can enact to bring the unanimously approved Local Implementation Plan up to scale.

Immediate actions:

- **Distribute newly awarded contracts:** Housing Authority of Clackamas County recently awarded the first SHS contracts to provide stable housing for people sheltered in motels. We urge the County Commissioners to expedite the approval process to get this initial \$2.5 million working for the community.
- **Ensure continued funding for existing contracts:** Nonprofit service providers who are on the frontline of caring for our most vulnerable are still facing an uncertain future over existing contracts, some of which are expiring 12/31. Expedite the work to approve existing contracts.

Near term solutions:

- **Align your year 1 budget with the approved plan:** The revenue estimates from Metro and by ECONorthwest are clear and should form the basis of year one budgets. All local and state governments rely on tax revenue forecasts for budgeting purposes. The year one forecast for Clackamas County is \$32 million. The approved \$24 million Local Implementation Plan strikes a reasonable balance between fiscally conservative forecasting and responsible budgeting. The current budget of \$10 million undermines the

ability to achieve year one goals and fulfill the fiscal obligations of managing this voter-approved revenue dedicated to solving our homeless crisis.

- **Increase budget transparency:** Understanding the full scope of Clackamas County’s investments in housing and homeless services is critical to building community trust and accountability.

Signed with urgency,

Clackamas County Elected Officials

State Legislature:

Andrea Salinas, State Representative, HD 38

City of Gladstone:

Tammy Stempel, Mayor, City of Gladstone

Annessa Hartman, City Councilor, City of Gladstone

City of Happy Valley

Markley Drake, City Councilor, City of Happy Valley

Brett Sherman, City Councilor, City of Happy Valley

City of Lake Oswego:

Joe Buck, Mayor, City of Lake Oswego

Daniel Nguyen, City Councilor, City of Lake Oswego

City of Milwaukie:

Mark Gamba, Mayor, City of Milwaukie

Kathy Hyzy, Council President, City of Milwaukie

Lisa M. Batey, City Councilor, City of Milwaukie

Angel Falconer, City Councilor, City of Milwaukie

City of Oregon City

Adam Marl, City Commissioner, City of Oregon City

Rocky Smith, City Commissioner, City of Oregon City

City of West Linn:

Jules Walters, Mayor, City of West Linn

Mary Baumgardner, City Councilor, City of West Linn

Todd Jones, City Councilor, City of West Linn

Lake Oswego School Board:

Kirsten Aird, MPH Director, Lake Oswego School Board

Neelam Gupta, MPH, MSW, Director, Lake Oswego School Board

Liz Hartman, Director, Lake Oswego School Board

John Wallin, Director, Lake Oswego School Board

North Clackamas School Board:

Libra Forde, Board Chair, North Clackamas School Board

Mitzi Bauer, Member, North Clackamas School Board

Community leaders

Business Leaders

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Melissa Streng, Owner, SunLove Farm, Oregon City

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Michael Wu J.D., Member, West Linn Rotary Club

Faith Leaders

Rev. Dr. Brendan Barnicle, Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, Wilsonville

Rev. Adam Ericksen, Pastor, Clackamas United Church of Christ

Pastor Anna Hoesly, Co-Lead Pastor/Organizer, Storyline Community, Resident of Oak Grove

The Rev. Joshua Kingsley, Pastor, King of Kings Lutheran Church (Milwaukie)

Rev. Jayde Rasband, Associate Pastor, Lake Oswego United Methodist Church

Rev. Heather Riggs, Pastor, Oak Grove United Methodist Church

David Smith, Trustee Chair, St. Paul's UMC, Resident of Milwaukie

Former Elected Officials

Theresa Kolhoff, Former Lake Oswego City Councilor

Wilda Parks, Former City Councilor, City of Milwaukie

Nonprofit Leaders

Tabitha Alajmi, Director of Food Operations, Clackamas Service Center

Trell Anderson, Executive Director, NW Housing Alternatives

Scott Davis, Board Member, Clackamas Women's Services

Bridget Dazey, Executive Director, Clackamas Workforce Partnership

Rachael Duke, Executive Director, Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Melissa Erlbaum, Executive Director, Clackamas Women's Services, Resident of Oregon City

Brian Everest, Chair - Clackamas County Housing Advisory Board

Vickie Flinchum PSS PWS, Housing Case Manager, NW Housing Alternatives

Rose Fuller, Executive Director, NW Family Services, Resident of Gladstone

Susan Garber, Board Secretary, Clackamas Service Center, Resident of Clackamas

Laura Golino de Lovato, Executive Director, NW Pilot Project, Resident of Jennings Lodge

Janie Gullickson PSS, CRM II, MPA: HA, Executive Director, The Mental Health and Addiction Association of Oregon, Resident of Beavercreek

Stephen Ham, Board Treasurer, Clackamas Service Center, Member, Rotary Club of Clackamas, Resident of Happy Valley

Krista Harper, Development Director, Clackamas Service Center, Member, Clackamas Sunrise Rotary

Brandi Johnson, Executive Director, LoveOne, Resident of Oregon City

Brenda Kinoshita, Director of Development & Communications, Clackamas Women's Services

Tyler Mac Innis, Director, Welcome Home Coalition

Brian Maher, Board Chair, Clackamas Women's Services, Board Member, Clackamas Service Center

Daniel R. Mills, Independent Owner Operator, Board Member of the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce and Board Member of Love One

Sara Murray, MA

Andy Nelson, Executive Director, Impact NW

Esther Nelson, Founder & CEO, Safety Compass, Resident of Oregon City

Carol Salter, CEO, Easterseals of Oregon

Nick Sauvie, Executive Director, ROSE Community Development

Ernesto Oliva, Unite Oregon, Senior Organizer

Rowie Taylor, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Resource Center

Brandi Tuck, Executive Director, Portland Homeless Family Solutions

Shyra Wade, MSW, Hope Housing Specialist, NARA NW

Other Community Leaders

Lisa Adatto, Resident of Lake Oswego

Katherine Baker

Delphine Busch, Member, MACG, Resident of Molalla

Elaine Bloomquist, Parishioner, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Resident of Oak Grove

Linda Cook, Resident of Milwaukie

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Eric Drinker, Resident of Wilsonville

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Wendy Sell, BSW, QMHA, CADC-I, Resource Specialist, Lifeworks Northwest

Gretchen Schackel

Liane Tankersley, Resident of West Linn

Organizations and Businesses

 <p>Oregon AFSCME Council 75</p>	 <p>AllMed HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT</p>	 <p><i>Blackbird</i> BENEFITS COLLECTIVE</p>
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