

June 7, 2018

Housing Authority of Clackamas County  
Board of Commissioners

Members of the Board:

Housing Authority of Clackamas County's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

<b>Purpose/Outcomes</b>	Memorialize Housing Authority of Clackamas County's 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
<b>Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Funding Source</b>	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development No County General Funds are involved.
<b>Duration</b>	Effective May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
<b>Previous Board Action</b>	None
<b>Strategic Plan Alignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities</li> <li>• Individuals and families in need are healthy and safe</li> <li>• Grow a vibrant community</li> <li>• Sustainable and Affordable Housing</li> <li>• Build public trust through good government</li> </ul>
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<b>Contract No.</b>	N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County (HACC), a Division of the Health, Housing and Human Services Department, requests the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Housing Authority of Clackamas County, the first Housing Authority in the State of Oregon.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1938, the County Court of Clackamas County unanimously adopted a resolution to form a Housing Authority "declaring the need for a housing authority in the County of Clackamas, Oregon."

The County Court of Clackamas County determines, finds and declares, in pursuance of the "Housing Authorities Law" of the State of Oregon, that:

1. Insanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the County of Clackamas, Oregon; and
2. There is a shortage of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the County of Clackamas, Oregon, available to persons of low income at rentals they can afford; and
3. There is need for a Housing Authority in the County of Clackamas, State of Oregon.

On July 29, 1940 the Housing Authority of Clackamas County Board approved a resolution authorizing a Loan Agreement with the United States Housing Authority to purchase and develop projects OR1-1 Oregon City and OR1-2 West Linn. While the West Linn project was never developed, the first Public Housing in Oregon was developed on a 16 acre site known as Victoria


Heights. During a special meeting on September 19, 1941, the Board of Commissioners named the housing development "Clackamas Heights."

The second housing project was Hillside Park, a 15-acre parcel, purchased in September 1940 for \$8,500. During a July 17, 1941 meeting, the Board of Commissioners named the housing development "Hillside Park." During that same meeting, the Board of Commissioners determined "wood was adopted for fuel for both cooking and heating purposes" at Hillside Park. During construction of Hillside Park, the Board of Commissioners decided that each resident would need covered shelters, "to enable tenants to keep their wood fuel dry during the winter months." Construction of 100-units was complete by 1942.

Today, HACC owns and operates over 900 affordable housing units, including transitional, tax credit, farm-worker, group homes and general affordable housing. Included in this number HACC also owns and manages 545 Public Housing units, where 1,235 Clackamas County residents call home. HACC also provides housing for 3,424 Clackamas County residents through the administration of 1,681 Section 8 vouchers.

While we have experienced many changes in the eighty years since 1938, the mission of HACC has remained constant. Our number one priority has been to secure and utilize essential federal funding to ensure that the most vulnerable residents of Clackamas County will always have access to safe, secure and affordable housing. Through the years many loyal and dedicated HACC Commissioners and Directors, both past and present, have served HACC. They were supported by the dedication and experience of HACC professional staff, who on a daily basis strive to offer efficient and knowledgeable service to their clients and neighbors. It is with this goal and mission that HACC looks forward to providing many more years of exceptional service to those in need of affordable, decent, safe and sanitary housing within Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,



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Health, Housing & Human Services