January 12, 2022

To: Elected leaders

Dear Elected Leaders of the Portland Metro Region,

We write to you today in support of the 2022 Roadmap to accelerate relief for the Portland region’s housing affordability and homelessness crisis developed by the HereTogether coalition. As you know, HereTogether is the growing coalition of homeless service providers, culturally specific providers, people with lived experience of homelessness, business leaders, faith leaders and more, that are collectively advancing solutions to our region’s homeless crisis.

We recognize that our region’s homeless crisis requires immediate attention, and we see great possibility in the substantial new investments being made locally and nationally to immediately address the needs of our neighbors sleeping outside tonight. We also recognize that the only way to truly end someone’s homelessness is with safe, stable housing coupled with services and support that match their unique needs. That value guided our coalition in developing and advancing the region wide Supportive Housing Services (SHS) measure, which voters approved last year.

To that end, we believe the SHS Local Implementation Plans developed by each county and approved by Metro are the north star by which we should be addressing this crisis. New investments should continue to follow the goals and values outlined in those plans, and we must increase collaboration as we work together to address the long range needs of our houseless neighbors.

People and communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by racist and discriminatory practices throughout the history of our nation and state, including by systemic racial discrimination in our housing delivery system. Over the past two years, we know that COVID-19 has impacted people of color more significantly than others. As always, we must focus our efforts on dismantling the structures that have left our neighbors of color behind by centering their perspectives in implementation. We urge you to ensure these services are directed toward those who have been disproportionately impacted by this crisis, specifically in service of people of color and led by culturally specific service providers.

It is in that spirit—with SHS implementation underway and new resources coming online—that we submit these recommendations as a way to accelerate our impact toward making sure all of our neighbors have access to a safe, affordable place to call home.

Sincerely,

HereTogether & the following organizations, businesses, elected and community leaders:

Organizations and Businesses:
**Elected Leaders:**

- State Treasurer Tobias Read
- Rep. Zach Hudson, HD 49
- Rep. Rob Nosse, HD 42
- Rep. Jeff Reardon, HD 48
- Rep. Lisa Reynolds, HD 36
- Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal, District 2
- Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann, District 4
- City of Milwaukie Mayor Mark Gamba
- City of Milwaukie Councilor Angel Falconer
- City of Wood Village Mayor T. Scott Harden
- Joseph Gallegos, Former Oregon State Representative, Owner/Principal, Western Research Associates
- Alissa Keny-Guyer, Former Oregon State Representative

**Business Leaders:**

- Darcie Alexander, Principal Broker, PDX Green Team
- Alisa Blum, Principal Consultant, Alisa Blum & Associates
- Chris Bonner, Principal Broker, Hasson Company Realtors
- Alicia Chapman, Owner & CEO, Willamette Technical Fabricators
- Matt Chapman, Retired CEO, NWEA, Board Member, Microchip
- Kristen Cooper, Founder, Blackbird Benefits Collective
- Alan Crouch, Retired Software VP, Board Member, Easterseals of Oregon
- Lyf Gildersleeve, Owner, Flying Fish Company LLC
- Joey Gleason, Co-owner/Founder, Marigold Coffee
- Robert Harrison, Chairman, Western Pacific Building Materials
- Ashley Henry, Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland
- Mitchell Hornecker, Vice Chair, HereTogether, Resident of Portland
- Michael Jonas, Principal Attorney/Owner, Rational Unicorn Legal Services
- Megan Justice, EA LTC, Owner/Advisor, Crayon Advisory, LLC
- April Rinne, Founder & Chief Change Navigator, April Worldwide
- Rick Turoczy, Cofounder and General Manager, PIE
- Randolph Miller, President, Produce Row Property Management Co.
- Katie Pryde, Owner, Books with Pictures
- Emilynn Pumarega, Owner, EJP Events
- Christine Rains, Principal and Creative Director, Christine Rains Graphic Design
- Andrew G. Rowe, Executive Chairman, AllMed Health Management
- Stacey Rutland, Founder, Income Movement
- Stephen Saltzman, Saltzman Strategies and Alliances
- Robert Stoll, Co-Chair, HereTogether, Founder/Retired Stoll Berne Lawyers
- Eric Vines, Owner, Page Two Partners, LLC
- Kina Voelz, Architect, Resident of Collinsview, Portland
- Douglas Walta, MD
- Chelsea Wilkinson, Initiative Coordinator, Income Movement
- Tuck Wilson, Portland Lawyer
Nonprofit Leaders:

- Erik Anderson, Member, Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
- Trell Anderson, Executive Director, NW Housing Alternatives
- Richard Birkel, Executive Director, Catholic Charities Oregon
- Mellani Calvin, Executive Director, ASSIST Program
- Sarah Carolus, Social Justice Coalition, Central Lutheran Church
- Caleb Coder, Director, Cultivate Initiatives
- Dr. Sandra Comstock, Executive Director, Hygiene4All
- Katie Cox, Executive Director, The Equi Institute
- Bridget Dazey, Executive Director, Clackamas Workforce Partnership
- Rachael Duke, Executive Director, Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH)
- Melissa Erlbaum, Executive Director, Clackamas Women’s Services
- Rose Fuller, Executive Director, Northwest Family Services
- Tim Gage, Co-Founder, American Care Planning
- Reyna Gillet, Lead Housing Justice Organizer, Residents Organizing for Change (ROC)
- Laura Golino de Lovato, Executive Director, Northwest Pilot Project
- Carol Greenough, Board Member, Family Promise of a Tualatin Valley, Member, Washington County Behavioral Health Council
- David Groff, Vice-chair of the Board of Directors, Operation Nightwatch
- Carol Hayes, Advocacy Committee Member, Reach Community Development
- Brandi Johnson, Executive Director, LoveOne, Resident of Oregon City
- Monta Knudson, CEO, Bridges to Change
- Dana Lynn Louis, Executive Director, Gather:Make:Shelter
- Levin Manabat, BSW, Assistant Program Manager (Clackamas SHS), Greater New Hope Family Services, Resident of Estacada
- Debra Mason, Executive Director, Clackamas Service Center, Resident of Troutdale
- Andy Miller, Executive Director, Human Solutions
- Julia Nielsen, Executive Organizer, Leaven Community Land & Housing Coalition
- Stephanie Noll, Coalition Director, Oregon Trails Coalition
- Jasmine Pettet, ROSE Manager, Outside In
- Debra Porta, Executive Director, Pride Northwest, Inc.
- Steve Rudman, Co-Chair, Metro Housing Bond Oversight Committee, Resident of NE Portland
- Roseanna Ruiz, Housing Navigator and Case Management Specialist, Community Partners for Affordable Housing
- Carol Salter, President/CEO, Easterseals of Oregon
- Jaclyn Sarna, Director of Youth and Family Services, Hacienda CDC
- Jairaj Singh, Clackamas County Chapter Director, Unite Oregon
- Michele Veenker, Executive Director, NAMI Clackamas
- Tony Vezina, Executive Director, 4D Recovery
- Shyra Wade, Hope Housing Specialist, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest
• Ramsay Weit, Retired Nonprofit Director

Faith Leaders:

• Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie, Resident of Grant Park
• Rev. Douglas Edwards, Presbyterian Church
• Rev. Sara Gross Samuelson, Co-Lead Pastor/Organizer, Storyline Community and Clackamas County Land and Housing Cohort
• Pastor Anna Hoesly, Co-Lead Pastor/Organizer, Storyline Community

• Pastor Joshua Kingsley, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Milwaukie
• Rev. Heather Riggs, Pastor, Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Milwaukie

Additional Community Leaders:

• Laura Adams, Resident of Arbor Lodge
• Jamie Anderson, Resident of North Portland
• Naomi Angier, Resident of Milwaukie
• Jennifer Anthony, Resident of Tualatin
• Janine Askew
• Kimberly August
• Suzanne Bader, Resident of Woodstock neighborhood
• Brad Baker, Resident of NE Portland
• Margaret Bax
• Barbara Anne Bennett, Resident of NW Portland
• Harriet Bing, Resident of Buckman neighborhood
• Jenan Bisharat, Business Intelligence Analyst, Whole Healthcare
• Ron Braithwaite, Consultant, Software Engineering LLC
• Allison Brinkhorst, Resident of Arbor Lodge
• Aaron Brown, Resident of St. Johns
• Joan Brousseau, Member of Central Lutheran Church
• Tammy Bullock, Resident of Ramona
• Delphine Busch, Resident of Molalla
• Tammy Carpenter, Resident of Portland
• Marilyn Cohen
• Marilyn Couch
• Scott Damazo, Resident of North Portland
• E. Darby, Resident of Pearl District neighborhood
• Patricia B. Davenport
• Bill Denham, Resident of Reed neighborhood
• Virginia Feldman, Resident of Tryon Creek
• Iliana Fontal
• Livia Frank
• Jennifer Gould, Resident of Portland
• Katrina I. Gould, LCSW
• Judy Grace, Resident of Downtown Portland
• Jan Groh
• Jessica Stainbrook Gumbs, Lyft Me An Uber
• Carolyn Hale
• Marsha Hanchrow, Member, Inner SE Action!, PSOB Bike Committee
• Tasha Harmon, New Perspectives Coaching, Training and Facilitation
• Anne Healy, Resident of Sellwood neighborhood
Negar Heckscher, Resident of Portland
Zora Hess, Resident of Portland
Tracy Hill, Resident of Gladstone
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Janel Hovde
Elsa Johnson, Resident of Raleigh Hills
Carey Killian, Resident of NW Portland
Mark Lakeman, Communitecture, Architecture & Planning
Cheri Laos, Resident of Sellwood neighborhood
Carolyn Latierra
Frederique Lavios, Resident of Lake Oswego
Gerry Lenzen, Resident of West Portland Park, Old Town Neighborhood Association
Nathan LeRud, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
Judith Lienhard, Resident of West Slope
Kirsten Lopez-Picklesimer, Resident of Hosford-Abernethy
Jan MacWilliams, Resident of Rose City Park
Anna Martinez, Resident of Piedmont/Humboldt neighborhood
Linda McGavin, Resident of Milwaukie
Kathleen Mitchell
Ann Mussey, Resident of Corbett
Marjorie Nafziger, Resident of the Westmoreland neighborhood
Marianne Nelson, Resident of Sellwood neighborhood
John Nettleton, Veterans for Peace
Bill O'Brien, Resident of Beaverton
Emee Pumarega, Resident of Inner SE Portland
Mathias Quackenbush, Resident of Madison South neighborhood
Stefanie Rath, Resident of Gresham
Debra Rehn, Resident of Reed
Maya Robbins
Francie Royce, Resident of Buckman neighborhood
Darrell Salu, Resident of Gresham

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Chris Stambaugh, Resident of Montavilla neighborhood
Collin Stoll, Acupuncturist
Laura Struble, Resident of Buckman neighborhood
Eileen Summit
Marcy Sunnivagora, Social worker
Virginia Tat, Resident of Woodlawn neighborhood
Kevin Teater, Candidate for Beaverton City Council
Hillary Tiefer, Resident of Portland
Ryan Tobias, Resident of Portland
Kay Tousley, Resident of NE Portland
Glyceria Tsinas, Academy of Perinatal Harm Reduction
Judith Wild, Resident of Overlook neighborhood
Kylene Williams, Resident of Portland
Clare Wilkinson, Resident of Sellwood
David Wood, Resident of Beavercreek
Diana White, Member, Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and First United Methodist Church, Portland