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**Housing Authority of Clackamas County
Policy Position
Relating to Community Permanent Supportive Housing Risk Mitigation Funding**

The Housing Authority of Clackamas County supports POP 104 and POP 90: Permanent Supportive Housing is critical to ending homelessness. It is imperative that Oregon continue its investment in the structures and services to not only expand but also retain Permanent Supportive Housing capacity.

Current trends in insurance costs are having negative impacts on the ability to serve clients and address the housing crisis. Presently, 25% of recently surveyed affordable housing providers such as the Housing Authority have seen 100% insurance cost increases. The Housing Authority has seen a 51% increase per year for the last three consecutive years. Additionally, inflation has hit construction, repairs, and turnover costs dramatically. On top of inflation, Permanent Supportive Housing providers are seeing a 20% increase in property management payroll costs over the past two years. A risk mitigation pool can help keep costs from escalating, if available, by reducing a property's need to file with insurance for small to medium claims.

Additionally, the Housing Authority has developed its first Permanent Supportive Housing project, Tukwila Springs, and hopes to develop or support more development of Permanent Supportive Housing in our county. This funding will encourage this effort, enhancing a long term, whole life strategy to address the most vulnerable and highly barriered individuals.

In order to meet the state's goals of reducing homelessness and providing housing, we need investments in Permanent Supportive Housing and in reducing insurance costs.

The Housing Authority firmly supports POP 104 \$130 million investment to create 650 new Permanent Supportive Housing homes and POP 90 \$4.5 million for the Permanent Supportive Housing risk mitigation fund to house the people.

We urge a “yes” vote on both POP 90 & 104.

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