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To: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

From: City of Portland

Date: February 27, 2023

RE: Support for HB 2001-11

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Helfrich and Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

The City of Portland supports HB 2001-11 to create a critical statewide Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) that will help us collectively address our housing crisis. The OHNA will help the state finally realize the intent of Statewide Planning Goal 10 by ensuring that every community provides homes for people at all income levels. It moves beyond calculations of zoned capacity and requires communities to adopt strategies to ensure needed housing gets built.

As the cost of housing continues to rise, more households experience severe cost burdens, displacement, and homelessness. Although Portland has enough zoning capacity to accommodate projected population growth citywide, the city faces challenges in building enough middle-income and affordable housing. The OHNA will provide the City of Portland with direction and accountability for housing production and stabilization strategies that will help address our racial and social disparities in housing. It will also ensure our neighboring jurisdictions and others throughout Oregon join us in this effort.

The City of Portland supports the enhanced focused on equity in housing plans in Section 21. It is important to provide specific requirements to address housing cost burden, access to opportunity, segregation, and accessible housing.

The OHNA represents a new approach and increased work for all cities. We note that in the Portland metro area, urban unincorporated areas have at least 50,000 units of existing development capacity. These areas will play an important role in addressing regional housing needs. Portland stands ready to support our regional jurisdictions in addressing the unique challenges that face these areas.

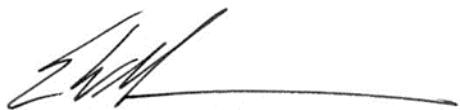
The City of Portland also supports greater accountability measures within OHNA. Cities should be monitored and regularly evaluated on overall housing production and across various levels of affordability. The accountability review process should provide direction to cities to ensure all

communities provide needed housing for people living at all income levels and for all racial groups and protected classes.

Housing production strategies alone will not solve today's housing crisis. Cities will, as you have heard, need funding for infrastructure and to subsidize the housing to meet the needs of those at certain income levels.

We look forward to working with you on issues related to HB 2001-11 and more as we work together to address affordable and middle-income housing needs in our city and throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Ted Wheeler

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Commissioner Carmen Rubio