



## Sustainability in Action

February 9, 2026

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1564—One-time UGB expansion for City of Woodburn

Republic Services of Marion County, Woodburn, strongly supports SB 1564 on behalf of the City of Woodburn and urges you to pass this one-time UGB expansion for the fastest growing community in our region. Woodburn needs more housing to serve its existing residents and support the growing employment base. Without this necessary expansion of the UGB, Woodburn's successful track record of housing production will come to an end.

Housing affordability is one of the most frequent concerns raised by employees and this bill supports a balanced response to housing shortages in Woodburn and long commutes because land within the current UGB is unavailable.

The City of Woodburn has a shovel-ready project and affordable housing partners at the table *NOW* with a commitment to build no less than 600 housing units with a minimum of 30 percent of units meeting the affordability requirements and intent of Senate Bill 1537.

We appreciate your leadership and this opportunity to express our support for Senate Bill 1564.

**Matt Ketchem**

General Manager

Portland Metro/North Marion County Oregon