

We are residents of a manufactured home community that is currently up for sale in an area of Oregon where large tracts of buildable land are pretty much nonexistent these days. Space is at a premium, to say the least. A plum location along with a recent zone change to a commercial multi use designation has rendered the property underneath our homes honey to investors, ripe for redevelopment, and obviously, very valuable. Unfortunately, it has also turned our friends and neighbors into sacrificial lambs with days that are numbered.

Facing the inevitable, we residents decided to band together and try to save our homes by purchasing the property ourselves. CASA of Oregon is guiding us through the process and we are currently under a purchase contract with the land owner, however, we need additional funding to make the acquisition affordable to even our lowest income residents. But a pandemic and then the wildfires have impacted the economy to such an extent that normal grant funding is unavailable this year. Wouldn't you know it? Just when you need it.

But there is still a way to help preserve some of the most affordable housing that is out there and at the same time, save over a hundred seniors, many low income and vulnerable, from becoming homeless. Support SB5534 and the Housing Alliance request for lottery bonds to preserve affordable housing. That's all it takes. A simple enough thing to do but with a huge impact. Save our homes. Support affordable housing. Support SB5534.

Thank you