

Good Day,

My name is Budd Kritch and I am the President of the interim Board of Directors Filbert Grove Cooperative attempting to purchase the Mobile Home Park called Patrician in Springfield, Oregon, along with 80 other residents aged 55 up to 97 years old.

Our fifty plus year old park was rezoned in 2019 from residential to mixed use/commercial. The residents tried to stop the rezoning, but failed. We recently learned the owner put the park up for sale and we jumped in to try and purchase this park, our home. We want to keep our homes affordable and be able to stay here for the rest of our lives.

We got first right to compete thanks to an Oregon law.

This economic environment has made the asking price costly, so it remains to be seen if it can be completed, even with affordable housing loans and grants next year or in the future.

If residents do not purchase this park, we fear a new owner/investor will make rent unaffordable as well as raising it every year to the maximum amount **OR** redevelop this property and leave us all without homes in a city with a major housing crisis. Please help us to obtain a grant so we can become the resident owned community we are trying to become and to help us with the low-income residents. Our neighbors are scared and we really need a solution.

We urge you to support SB5534 and the Housing Alliance request for \$100 million in lottery bonds to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing. Instead of making funds available for loans, we request that you make them available as grants for affordable housing.

Thank you ☺

Budd H. Kritch