



CITY COUNCIL

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Chair Representative Dexter
Vice Chair Representative Gamba
Vice Chair Representative Helfrich
Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Dexter, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Vice-Chair Helfrich:

I'm writing on behalf of the Salem City Council in enthusiastic support of HB 3042, which would preserve affordable housing. HB 3042 strengthens tenant notice provisions when their affordable housing is set to convert to market-rate and provides other tenant protections. We join the Housing Alliance and our Salem Housing Authority in support of HB 3042.

Through the City or our Salem Housing Authority, we currently offer affordable housing developer incentives: a non-profit low-income housing tax exemption, a multi-unit housing tax incentive for transit-oriented development, and a community partner property tax exemption to include affordable units in market rate developments. To encourage private sector building of affordable housing, the Urban Renewal Agency offers grants to support the development of low-income subsidized housing, workforce housing, and market rate housing.

We can do all of this – and lose affordable housing almost without warning – as affordability expires. We need this tool to protect the affordable housing we've built in our community. This bill also gives us more time to help residents transition to other affordable housing if the conversion to market rate can't be avoided.

The City of Salem appreciates your support for House Bill 3042.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chris Hoy
City of Salem

cc: Salem Legislative Delegation

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