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Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, Co-Vice Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith and Committee members:

My name is Brittany Randall, I am the owner and principal planner at BRAND Land Use, LLC. I am writing to express my support for the City of Stayton's Ida Street Sewer Upsizing Capital funding request.

The existing Ida Street sewer line is undersized to properly handle existing capacity and is projected to surcharge manholes during 5-year storm events. The City is actively working to upsize the pipe, though the City does not anticipate having sufficient funds for approximately 5 years to complete all necessary upsizing. As a result, they are faced with the inability to approve any new development that would increase demand on the system. This impacts housing supply as well as business development.

As a land use consultant representing varied interests throughout the Willamette Valley, the sewer capacity within the City of Stayton is a glaring issue for needed housing. With consideration of the state of emergency Oregon is currently experiencing related to housing and the goal of developing 36,000 new dwelling units per year, it is imperative every jurisdiction is poised and ready to support new development. The areas which will be permitted to develop upon completion of this sewer project, are areas which meet the City's Comprehensive Plan and Oregon Statewide Planning Goals for being suitable for multiple family developments.

The City's funding request of \$2,685,418 will help complete the necessary upgrades to existing infrastructure and allow for new development to occur, opening up multiple areas within the Stayton downtown area to residential, commercial and industrial development or redevelopment that are currently restricted due to the capacity issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brittany Randall, Owner and Principal Planner | BRAND Land Use, LLC