

February 16, 2024

Senator Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair  
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways & Means  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez,

As local governments across Oregon work diligently and urgently to address the housing needs of their community members, critical infrastructure projects often present a serious and costly barrier to meeting those needs. The City of Springfield appreciates that infrastructure funding is a growing priority and we respectfully request **\$3 million dollars** to extend a sewer main in the Glenwood Riverfront area.

Glenwood is an approximately one square mile area abutted by I-5 on the west and south and the Willamette River on the east and north that lies between the City of Eugene and downtown Springfield. Glenwood has been under Springfield's jurisdiction since 1999. Development in Glenwood is guided by the Glenwood Refinement Plan, originally adopted by Eugene in 1990, adopted by Springfield in 1999, and amended in 2005 along the Willamette Riverfront north of Franklin Boulevard. A general lack of urban services has restricted development, hindered redevelopment and constrained widespread improvement in the quality of life in Glenwood

The Glenwood Riverfront area holds immense potential for growth and development. Currently undergoing a master planning land use application process, this **30-acre site** represents a unique opportunity to create much needed affordable housing. However, before this vision can become a reality, we must address critical infrastructure gaps.

The proposed Glenwood Sewer Main Extension project aims to achieve the following objectives:

**1. Sewer Line Expansion:**

- Extend the sewer line into the development site. This extension is essential to serve the new housing units being built.
- By connecting these units to the sewer system, we ensure proper sanitation and environmental sustainability.

**2. Housing Impact:**

- The 30-acre site, once fully developed, will eventually accommodate a density of **50 units per acre**.
- A portion of units are anticipated to serve households at or below **80% of the Area Median Income (AMI)**.

- The site includes approximately **1.25 acres** owned by the County's housing authority, which will facilitate at least **80 apartment units** for low-income families.

The requested \$3 million will allow us to complete this vital infrastructure project, paving the way for housing and sustainable growth in Springfield. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean VanGordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sean VanGordon  
Mayor, City of Springfield

CC: Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Representative John Lively  
Senator Floyd Prozanski