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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3921

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3921, which would approve the City of Roseburg's proposed Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange.

As a Roseburg City Councilor representing Ward 2 and Chair of the Homeless Commission, I have witnessed firsthand the severe impact of our community's housing shortage. Since January 2020, addressing our housing crisis has been the City Council's highest priority, guiding extensive efforts from the 2019 Housing Needs Analysis through the current UGB Exchange Proposal.

Roseburg is not seeking additional land; rather, the city proposes exchanging currently undeveloped, steeply sloped residential land for flat, buildable parcels. Without suitable flat land, residential development has stalled, severely limiting housing options for working families. The repercussions of this shortage are evident each month during our Homeless Commission meetings, where we see the growing urgency of providing affordable housing.

Approval of HB 3921 will directly enable our community to fulfill state goals set by the Governor and Legislature by significantly increasing the supply of affordable, workforce housing. This is a practical, necessary solution to a critical local challenge.

I respectfully urge your support for HB 3921 to help Roseburg effectively address our community's housing needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shelley Briggs Loosley
Roseburg City Council Member, Ward 2