



CAPACES Leadership Institute

Instituto de Liderazgo CAPACES

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jaime Arredondo, Executive Director of CAPACES Leadership Institute, an organization dedicated to strengthening leadership, wellness, and civic participation among Latino, Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and other historically marginalized communities in Oregon.

We are writing in strong support of **SB 1564**.

SB 1564 proposes a targeted and thoughtful action: the inclusion of a specific site into the City of Woodburn's urban growth boundary, allowing the City to move forward with planned development in an area where housing needs are urgent and well documented. This bill enables intentional growth that responds directly to community needs rather than continuing to constrain housing supply.

The proposed development will include **both affordable housing for low-income Oregonians and market-rate housing**, a balanced approach that helps stabilize the broader housing market while ensuring that working families are not displaced as Woodburn grows.

In addition, this site will include a **working urban farm, creating Woodburn's first agrihood**. CAPACES Leadership Institute will manage and steward this urban farm, ensuring it is rooted in community leadership, cultural relevance, and equitable access. The agrihood model integrates housing, food production, education, and wellness, recognizing that stable housing and access to healthy food are inseparable from long-term community health.

As the organization responsible for managing the urban farm, CAPACES is committed to using this space for community food access, leadership development, youth engagement, and workforce pathways connected to sustainable agriculture and food systems. This approach reflects a holistic vision of development—one that supports housing stability while strengthening health, environmental stewardship, and community resilience.

SB 1564 represents an opportunity to advance smart growth that is equitable, sustainable, and community centered. We respectfully urge your support.

Sincerely,

Jaime Arredondo
Executive Director