

Addendum to Testimony on IZ:

Inclusionary zoning, IZ, is not a panacea for fixing our housing crisis but it's an important new tool added to the others listed in the Housing Alliance agenda for this session -

- Protecting renters and increasing stability in Oregon communities;
- Producing affordable housing;
- Preserving existing affordable housing;
- Preventing/ending homelessness;

But let's be clear – the current housing crisis in Oregon and the US was created in the Reagan years when we stopped investing in public housing. War housing like Van Port, not segregated market housing, served those who worked in the shipyards of Portland during the war. FHA home loans and public housing after the war ended served GI's after WWII. The latter was a Republican backed program led by Senator Robert Taft (R, Ohio) who crafted a bi-partisan coalition on Capitol Hill as the sponsor of legislation in 1949 to fund slum clearance and to build low-income **public housing** developments.

In Oregon since the ban on inclusionary zoning was passed in 1999 – our housing crisis has worsened which underscores that the private sector alone will not or cannot address this issue due to their focus on market rate housing. IZ and the other tools noted above are a necessary but not sufficient condition to solve our long term problem. Until the federal government gets some major "skin in this game" we will never solve this problem. But in moral terms something is better than nothing. We can't let the pursuit of the perfect become an obstacle of the good.