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Rep Tina Kotek, Speaker
Oregon House of Representatives

Senator Peter Courtney, President
Oregon Senate

Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association support of 2017 Legislative Agenda for the Oregon Housing Alliance.

Speaker Kotek, Senator Courtney, Members of the Oregon House of Representatives and Senate,

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) is an independent, statewide, not-for-profit educational organization with 850 members that provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and citizen empowerment, and providing the technical analysis and tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change.

On March 20, 2017 the OAPA Legislative and Policy Affairs Committee approved a motion to support the 2017 Legislative Agenda for the Oregon Housing Alliance. As planners, it is with great interest that we encourage lawmakers to consider supporting the needs of our most vulnerable Oregonians in the midst of this housing crisis. In the various disciplines of the Planning profession, we know that the plans and projects that we advance, rely on the strong statewide policy foundation that bolsters housing affordability, regardless of a person's ability to pay. The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association fully supports the Housing Alliance agenda to improve access and availability of fair, safe, and healthy affordable housing for all Oregonians. We understand that there are several bills that currently in critical stages of deliberation.

The bills we would like to show our support of at the time of writing are:

HB 3357: Document Recording Fee

HB 2004: Tenant Protections

We look forward to engaging you further as the session continues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeannine Rustad', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeannine Rustad, JD, President | Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association