



February 6, 2018

House Committee on Human Services and Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Keny Guyer and Members of the Committee:

The City of Hillsboro supports HJR 201, which would refer to voters an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that would create an exception to Article XI, Section 9 for affordable housing.

Addressing affordable housing in our community is a top priority for the City Council. At Council's direction, city staff is developing an Affordable Housing Action Plan to support affordable housing needs in our community. This plan will include partnerships between the City and the private and nonprofit development community.

However, Article XI, Section 9 serves as a barrier to the effective and efficient implementation of funding derived from bonds issued by local governments since those funds cannot be used to leverage other funding sources and support critical partners in the development community. HJR 201, if approved by voters, will allow taxpayer dollars to be used more wisely and will result in the production of more affordable housing with local bond resources.

We urge your support for HJR 201.

Sincerely,

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Steve Callaway,
Mayor

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Darell Lumaco,
City Councilor

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Kyle Allen,
City Councilor

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City Councilor

Handwritten signature of Olivia Alcaire in black ink.

Olivia Alcaire,
City Councilor