

# MMC

## Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium

February 5, 2018

**Mayor Denny Doyle**

City of Beaverton

**Mayor Brian Hodson**

City of Canby

**Mayor Jeffrey Dalin**

City of Cornelius

**Mayor Gery Schirado**

City of Durham

**Mayor Ted Tosterud**

City of Fairview

**Mayor Peter Truax**

City of Forest Grove

**Mayor Tammy Stempel**

City of Gladstone

**Mayor Shane Bemis**

City of Gresham

**Mayor Lori Chavez-DeRemer**

City of Happy Valley

**Mayor Steve Callaway**

City of Hillsboro

**Mayor Ken Gibson**

City of King City

**Mayor Kent Studebaker**

City of Lake Oswego

**Mayor Mark Hardie**

City of Maywood Park

**Mayor Mark Gamba**

City of Milwaukie

**Mayor Teri Lenahan**

City of North Plains

**Mayor Dan Holladay**

City of Oregon City

**Mayor Ted Wheeler**

City of Portland

**Mayor Heather Kibbey**

City of Rivergrove

**Mayor Lee Weislogel**

City of Sherwood

**Mayor John Cook**

City of Tigard

**Mayor Casey Ryan**

City of Troutdale

**Mayor Lou Ogden**

City of Tualatin

**Mayor Russ Axelrod**

City of West Linn

**Mayor Tim Knapp**

City of Wilsonville

**Mayor Patricia Smith**

City of Wood Village

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

### RE: HB 4007

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer & Members of the Committee,

The region's twenty-five Portland Metropolitan Area Mayors, who collectively make up the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC), are writing with one voice to urge passage of HB 4007. All twenty-five of us are committed to proactively addressing housing affordability issues and the homelessness crisis in our cities.

We believe that increasing the document recording fee is a critical step toward relieving pressures on housing affordability. As you all know, the document recording fee provides funds that support those low-income Oregonians most in need with various forms of housing assistance. We appreciate the Legislature's work in 2009 to establish the document recording fee as a means of raising revenue for shelter and critical services. Nine year later, the needs surrounding homelessness and affordability are dramatically outpacing revenues from the fee. Increasing the document recording fee will not solve the affordability crisis by itself, but it is a critical tool that will provide MMC cities with additional resources to tackle our respective housing issues.

Housing affordability and homelessness are two of the existential crises of our time. Increasing the document recording fee allows us to better confront these challenges and help to ensure that every Oregonian has a safe, habitable place to live.

Respectfully Submitted,

Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium