

House Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

February 11, 2019

Re: Please Vote in Support of HB 2001

Dear Chair Allisa Keny-Guyer and Committee members:

For over 25 years Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity has worked to advance the cause of affordable housing in Newberg and surrounding communities (Dayton, Dundee, St. Paul and Sherwood). A small affiliate, we build two homes per year – a significant amount for us – but a very small dent in the need.

With this, our role over the years has been to focus our cadre of volunteers on the issue of developing “a range of housing types” in our service area. To this end, a group of builders, developers, major employers, faith community members, City officials, and housing advocates (“Housing Newberg”) came together beginning in 2016 to draft proposals for adoption by the Newberg City Council.

One of the proposals was for the development of duplexes and triplexes in low density residential zones. This proposal is currently being researched by City staff.

With this, I strongly encourage the adoption of House Bill 2001. The bill provides best practices for communities that may not have the staff time or community involvement that we are blessed with here in Newberg.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Rogers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rick Rogers
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P.S. While not the official position of either organization, I am the Executive Director of Newberg Area Habitat for Humanity and the recently elected Mayor of the City of Newberg.