

February 29,2019

Senator Fagan, Chair Senate Committee on Housing

Re: Opposition to SB 10

Chair Fagan and members of the Committee,

Eugene's Neighborhood Leaders Council (NLC) is a civic organization composed of each of Eugene's twenty-three recognized neighborhood associations. While we appreciate the Legislature's efforts to address the housing crisis in our larger cities and agree that transit corridors are appropriate areas for increasing density and thus reducing greenhouse gases, we are opposed to any legislation that supersedes and/or negates the work of local land use planning processes.

As elected leaders of Eugene's diverse neighborhood associations we are committed to the state's democratic planning process. This proposed legislation would negate the fundamental elements of planning in Oregon. It would undermine both Goal 1 (public involvement) and Goal 2 (comprehensive and coordinated planning) and thus the efforts of those of us working on local solutions.

We ask that you withdraw this bill from consideration. A working group should be created to assess the benefits and consequences of specific aspects of the bill. A revised proposal could be brought back to the next legislative session that respects our state planning goals and processes and gives local jurisdictions the resources needed to provide the infrastructure and services essential to successful housing development.

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