

Dear Joint Committee on the Third Special Session,

Mayor Doyle asked me to let you know that the City of Beaverton and its Councilors support consideration and passage of legislation that will extend the eviction moratorium and create a property owner fund, as proposed in LC 18, during the Third Special Session.

In May, the City of Beaverton made available \$1 million for rent assistance yet to date less than \$250,000 remains. The need is much greater than resources available locally. Community Action, the largest rent assistance provider in Washington County, went from serving fewer than 100 households with monthly rent assistance to almost 500 households in November and December this year. This need will likely increase significantly in January 2021, yet a significant portion of Community Action's resources expire after December 31st. Housing markets are reach beyond local boundaries and it makes sense for a statewide approach to addressing the looming crisis for both tenants and property owners.

Prior to the pandemic, as a diverse city with a high percentage of renters, close to 25% of Beaverton rental households were extremely rent burdened. The health emergency has exacerbated this problem.

LC 18 can help stabilize the housing ecosystem during the pandemic and beyond.

Thank you. gb

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