

# CITY OF ASHLAND

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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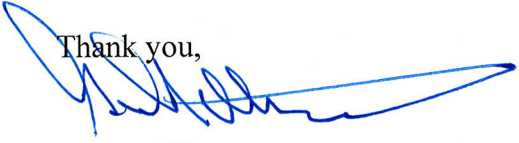
Hon. Senator Lee Beyer  
Hon. Representative Julie Fahey  
Joint Interim Committee on the Second Special Session of 2021  
Oregon Legislature

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for Legislative Concept 6 now under consideration to provide General Fund allocations of \$1.0 million to each of the CDBG entitlement cities for use in addressing affordable housing needs.

Like most entitlement cities in Oregon, affordable housing is a critical issue in the City of Ashland. While the City has been proactive in providing affordable housing incentives, this continues to be a major unmet need...even more so since the wildfire of 2020 destroyed much of the affordable housing in our neighboring communities of Taken and Phoenix.

The proposed funding would greatly enhance our efforts to address this need. Please approve this funding as contained in Legislative Concept 6 during the current Second Special Session of 2021.

Thank you,



Gary Milliman  
City Manager Pro Tem

Cc: Ashland Mayor and City Council  
Representative Pam Marsh  
League of Oregon Cities  
Ashland Community Development Department

