



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Briannon Fraley, Director
1221 S.W. Fourth Ave., Room 410
Portland, OR 97204
(503) 823-4130
Fax: (503) 823-3014

December 11, 2021

Senator Beyer, Co-Chair
Representative Fahey, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee on the Second Special Session of 2021
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Fahey, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for considering many critical policy and funding issues in the Second Special Session of 2021. The City of Portland supports the \$215 million emergency rent assistance resources package in Legislative Concept 6 (LC 6), which includes \$100 million for local emergency rent assistance and eviction prevention programs. Relief has been promised to thousands of households and we need to ensure that promise is kept.

The Special Session is also an opportunity to provide resources for important initiatives to support and stabilize our communities. The City also supports the following allocations in LC 6:

- \$18 million for the Afghanistan Refugee Arrivals Support Package to provide case management services, rental assistance, immigration and legal services, interpretation classes, and short-term food and shelter.
- \$14 million for programs and services that address housing insecurity, lack of affordable housing, or homelessness, including \$1 million to the City of Portland.
- \$2 million for the East Metro Outreach, Prevention, and Intervention program to reduce gun violence and improve the lives of youth in East Multnomah County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eric Noll
City of Portland
Eric.Noll@portlandoregon.gov | 503.823.6726