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Chair Fahey and Vice-Chairs Campos and Morgan, and members of the Committee:

Please accept this email as testimony in support of the -3 amendments to HB4051 that is up for public hearing in House Committee on Housing this morning (2/9). Specifically, the City is in support of Section 3 in the -3 amendment, which would extend the authorization for the 'super siting' legislation from HB 2006 in the 2021 session. Since HB 2006 was passed and the city has implemented the program, we have received and approved 8 applications for emergency siting of homeless shelters. You can find more information on our website dedicated to this program: <https://www.eugene-or.gov/4489/Emergency-Shelter-Siting-Approval-Process>.

As you all are aware, our communities continue to face an unprecedented crisis for the unhoused. The extension of this siting tool is an additional tool that local governments can utilize to assist in the siting and development of temporary emergency shelters. This is all part of a pipeline of investments to address the needs of the unhoused, to mental health resources, to transitional housing, supported housing, and into affordable and market rate housing. All tools are being used and we ask that you keep this one as a viable option for communities to utilize as the opportunities for shelter siting arise.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to pass the extension of HB2006 for another year into 2023.

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