

Catholic Community Services

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Pacific Station Letter of Support Capital Construction Funding

February 15, 2024

Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capital Construction

Dear Chair, Girod, Chair Holvey and Committee Members,

Pacific Station supported affordable housing is “shovel ready” and could break ground within days! On behalf of Catholic Community Services, I am writing to request support for HB 5201, Capital Construction funding for Pacific Station affordable housing.

Capital Construction Funding would help support the development of an affordable, supported, housing development for low-income families from Marion/Polk counties with complex needs. The development will provide 12-units of specialized three and four-bedroom homes for larger families facing adversity and experiencing housing instability. Our Fostering Hope Initiative (FHI) and its partners have found that larger families are often at greater risk of homelessness due to the lack of affordable housing with more than two bedrooms and restrictions placed on occupancy. Pacific Station will address this housing gap and will also provide ADA units for families in which a child or parent may experience a physical disability and need affordable, specialized accommodations. This new, much needed housing will be located within the urban center of Salem, near public transportation and healthcare and will include resident services to address the social determinants of health and help families flourish.

With secured funds from project partners PacificSource and Marion County, drawings are complete. The land is owned by Catholic Community Services Foundation (CCSF) and a reputable builder engaged; this project is shovel ready! This funding request, if fulfilled, would position CCSF to begin construction any day, with project completion and initial occupancy anticipated in spring of 2025. Though this timeline is contingent upon availability of the required construction labor and materials, CCSF has a track record of completing and operating successful housing developments comprised of 21 current locations and 271 units of affordable housing.

Thank you for considering this valuable addition to specialized, supported, affordable housing.

Sincerely,



Joshua K. Graves, CEO