



February 5, 2026

House Committee on Housing & Homelessness
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 4036

Chair Marsh and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Beaverton to express support for HB 4036, which establishes a bond fund to preserve low-cost housing.

While Beaverton understands that the State must make trade-offs in the upcoming budget cycle due to the cooling economy and the loss of federal funding for critical healthcare and nutritional assistance, it is imperative that Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) take measures to preserve existing affordable housing units for those at risk of losing affordability. Housing preservation is a cost-effective approach to addressing Oregon's housing crisis, compared to the substantial capital investment required to build new units and the administrative complexities of rehousing thousands of families.

Housing production is one of Beaverton's top priorities, but it is a losing battle if current affordable units are no longer available. HB 4036 preserves our forward momentum and provides continuity for families who need it now more than ever. We urge your support for HB 4036.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Haruyama".

Jenny Haruyama

City Manager