



August 24, 2017

City of Medford Planning Commission
200 S Ivy St
Medford OR 97501

**Re: ZC-17-075 rezoning the 1.3 acres of a parcel located at 2325 Stewart Ave
from SFR-00 to MFR-20**

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is submitted jointly by Housing Land Advocates (HLA) and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO). Both HLA and FHCO are non-profit organizations that advocate for land use policies and practices that ensure an adequate and appropriate supply of affordable housing for all Oregonians. FHCO's interests relate to a jurisdiction's obligation to affirmatively further fair housing. Please include these comments in the record for the above-referenced proposed amendment.

As you may know, all amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map must comply with the Statewide Planning Goals. ORS 197.175(2)(a). However, the staff report for this proposal does not contain findings regarding the proposal's impact on the City's Statewide Planning Goal 10 (Goal 10) obligations.

When a decision is made affecting the residential land supply, the City must refer to its Housing Needs Analysis and Buildable Land Inventory to show that an adequate number of needed housing units (both housing type and affordability level) will be supported by the residential land supply after enactment of the proposed change—that analysis was not included in the staff report.

The City must show that it is adding needed residential zones (e.g. SFR-00, MFR-20). The City must demonstrate that its actions do not leave it with less than adequate residential land supplies in the types, locations, and affordability ranges affected. *See Mulford v. Town of Lakeview*, 36 Or LUBA 715, 731 (1999) (rezoning residential land for industrial uses); *Gresham v. Fairview*, 3 Or



LUBA 219 (same); see also, *Home Builders Assn. of Lane County v. City of Eugene*, 41 Or LUBA 370, 422 (2002) (subjecting Goal 10 inventories to tree and waterway protection zones of indefinite quantities and locations).

HLA and FHCO urge the Commission to defer adoption of the proposed amendment until its impact on the City's Goal 10 obligations is adequately documented. Thank you for your consideration. Please provide written notice of your decision to, FHCO, c/o Louise Dix, at 1221 SW Yamhill Street, #305, Portland, OR 97205 and HLA, c/o Jennifer Bragar, at 121 SW Morrison Street, Suite 1850, Portland, OR 97204. Please feel free to email Louise Dix at ldix@fhco.org or reach her by phone at (541) 951-0667.

Thank you for your consideration.

Louise Dix

Louise Dix
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Fair Housing Council of Oregon

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer Bragar".

Jennifer Bragar
President
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cc: Gordon Howard (gordon.howard@state.or.us)