



August 1, 2018

Washington County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners
155 N First Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Re: Proposed Land Use Ordinance No. 836

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). When a decision is made affecting the residential land supply, the County must refer to its Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) 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. The staff report for the proposed amendment notes that the report "complies with the Statewide Planning Goals." However, the report does not include findings that speak to Goal 10.

The County 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). Only with a complete analysis showing any gain in needed housing as compared to the BLI can housing advocates and planners understand whether the County is achieving its goals through code amendments.



HLA and FHCO urge the Commissioners to defer adoption of the proposed amendment until Goal 10 findings include reference to the Buildable Land Inventory. 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mary Kyle McCurdy
Board Member
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cc: Kevin Young (kevin.young@state.or.us)