



July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

City of Eugene Planning Commission  
99 W. 10th Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97401

**Re: Zone Change from AG, Agricultural to R-1, Low-Density Residential (Z-19-7)**

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 know, all amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan 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 City must refer to its Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) and Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) in order 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 zone change recommends its approval. However, the report does not include findings for Statewide Goal 10, describing the effects of the zone change from Agricultural to Low-Density Residential. Goal 10 findings must demonstrate that the proposed zoning change does not leave the City 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 Cty. 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). Further, because the purpose of the proposal is to allow the development of additional housing units, the report should reference the City's HNA to demonstrate the need for the type of housing provided by this zoning change. Only with a complete analysis showing any gain in needed housing as compared to the BLI can housing advocates and planners understand whether the City is achieving its goals through this land use adoption package.

HLA and FHCO urge the Commission to defer adoption of the proposed zone change until Goal 10 findings can be made, and the proposal evaluated under the HNA and BLI. 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](mailto:ldix@fhco.org) or reach her by phone at (541) 951-0667.

Thank you for your consideration.

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AFFH Specialist  
Fair Housing Council of Oregon

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Bragar".

Jennifer Bragar  
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