



December 3, 2024

Hillsboro City Council  
150 E Main St,  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

**Re: City of Hillsboro Housing Production Strategy (HPS)**

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

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 City of Hillsboro Housing Production Strategy.

HLA and FHCO commend the staff of the City of Hillsboro and the consultants involved in the project for proposing an ambitious set of actions to meet the housing needs of its residents, as well as detailed evaluations of the equity implications for each action. We also appreciate the fact that many of the most significant policies are slated to be implemented early in the planning cycle. The rezoning of high opportunity areas for multifamily development, the scaling of select SDCs, and the identification of underutilized lands for housing development are all very promising steps for the City to take to address their serious affordability needs.

However, we are very disappointed with the very late release of this document. We were not given a copy of the proposed HPS until this morning, despite concerted effort by our PAPA project team to obtain information about the draft, making it difficult for us to fully evaluate its content and submit comments. The extremely consequential inclusion of "Action 2.2: Coordinate with partners to pursue residential land UGB expansion(s)" makes it even more important for the public to be given proper notice and time to participate.

We also strongly disagree with the devotion of the City's limited time and resources to Action 2.2, at least in this planning cycle. It is currently unclear how much residential capacity will be added through the other strategies. Until that is known, there is no factual basis to conclude that a UGB expansion is necessary, and it is imprudent to include as an action which the City is committing to. We strongly request that the City remove Action 2.2 from the HPS.

Please provide written notice of your decision to, FHCO, c/o Samuel Goldberg, 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 Samuel Goldberg at [sgoldberg@fhco.org](mailto:sgoldberg@fhco.org) or reach him by phone at (503) 223-8197 ext. 104.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel Goldberg".

Samuel Goldberg  
Public Policy Manager  
Fair Housing Council of Oregon

/s/

Jennifer Bragar  
President  
Housing Land Advocates