

RESOLUTION NO. 2706

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE SUPPORTING THE METRO REGIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BALLOT MEASURE AND OREGON STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BALLOT MEASURE AT THE NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, Wilsonville has a higher percentage of renter-occupied households than the greater Portland region at 53.8% compared to 52.8% respectively, according to the 2014 American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the majority of renters in Wilsonville live in unregulated market-rate housing where rents are subject to market conditions and recent changes in multifamily dwelling properties ownership by real-estate investment trusts are triggering large rent increases; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2014 American Community Survey data, 42.7% of renting households in Wilsonville pay more than 30% of their household income for housing, which by definition is not affordable; and

WHEREAS, almost one-third (32.5%) of the renting households in Wilsonville pay 35% or more of their household income for rent, an even larger unaffordable rent amount; and

WHEREAS, Metro regional government reports that more than 67,000 renters in the three-county region pay 50% or more of their incomes toward housing costs; and

WHEREAS, as housing affordability has declined over the past few years in Wilsonville, more and more community members—some of whom have testified before the City Council—are being displaced or are opting to move out of town in search of more affordable rental and homeownership opportunities; and

WHEREAS, community members express a growing concern about the availability of high-quality affordable housing in Wilsonville as evidenced by the City's 2016 Community Survey that found only 22% of residents rated the availability of affordable quality housing as excellent or good, which, according to the National Research Center, is below the national benchmark for the measure; and is in marked contrast to the prior Community Survey results in 2014 where 47% of the households surveyed felt Wilsonville had excellent or good availability of affordable quality housing; and

WHEREAS, housing availability and affordability are important goals of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Metro bond provides \$652.8 million total for the Portland metro region for housing up to 7,500 people, including families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities, with \$116 million of the funds dedicated to permanently affordable housing in Clackamas County; and

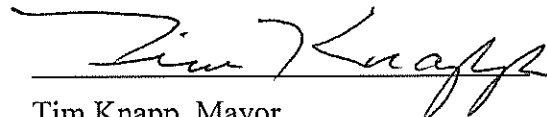
WHEREAS, successful passage of the statewide constitutional amendment as Ballot Measure No. 201 during the November 2018 General Election would allow local jurisdictions to partner with private organizations, thereby leveraging the bond dollars to provide more affordable-housing opportunities for up to 12,000 people in the metro region.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Wilsonville City Council supports the proposed Metro regional affordable housing ballot measure and the Oregon state Ballot Measure No. 201 appearing on the November 2018 election; and.

2. The City of Wilsonville City Council encourages all voters in the metro region to support both ballot measures.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting on August 20, 2018, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.



Tim Knapp, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kimberly Veliz, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Knapp	Yes
Councilor Starr	Excused
Councilor Stevens	Yes
Councilor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Akervall	Yes