

METRO COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
2025 Legislative Session



ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- **Industrial Site Readiness:** Support legislation, including Clean Tech Task Force priorities, that advances solutions to make land inside urban growth boundaries available for industrial development and job creation through infrastructure investment, brownfield cleanup, land aggregation, and other means.
- **Brownfield Cleanup and Redevelopment:** Support efforts to recapitalize the state's Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and Brownfields Properties Revitalization Fund to incentivize the cleanup of brownfields.

GUN SAFETY

- **Regulating Firearms on Metro Properties:** Support legislation that increases Metro's authority to regulate the carrying of firearms on Metro properties and public venues.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- **Housing and Homelessness Systems Alignment:** Support legislation that increases alignment and coordination between federal, state, regional and local housing and homelessness systems.
- **Equitable Housing and Stability:** Support legislation to increase state housing funding, improve tenant protections, expand affordable home ownership options, increase home ownership for BIPOC households, provide additional tools and authority to local governments to address housing supply and affordability, advance solutions that leverage and integrate local, state and federal investments to implement comprehensive supportive housing and wraparound services, and address climate resilience for home owners and renters.
- **Housing Production and Preservation:** Support legislation that increases housing production and development and preserves existing housing, particularly affordable housing. Support legislation that provides local financing support to increase housing production such as infrastructure, predevelopment, and technical assistance.

LAND USE

- **Urban Growth Management:** Ensure that the Legislature establishes the policy framework and process for local land use decisions and respects the authority of local governments, including Metro, to make specific decisions on local land use matters. Oppose efforts to legislatively determine specific land use designations in the region or to distort the process of assessing land need by mandating inaccurate analysis.
- **Metro Annexation:** Support efforts to streamline Metro's annexation process.

PARKS AND NATURE

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 24-5453

- **Recreational Immunity:** Support legislation that addresses recreational immunity for local governments, including lifting the sunset on recent fixes.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Transportation Package:** Support the passage of a transportation package that advances the JPACT priorities: addressing short-term funding solutions, long-term sustainable funding, finishing what we started, safe urban arterials and streets, transit investments, and resiliency.

WASTE MANAGEMENT AND WASTE REDUCTION

- **Battery Extended Producer Responsibility:** Support legislation that creates a battery extended producer responsibility program in Oregon.
- **Food Waste:** Support legislation that reduces food waste and prioritizes pathways of food disposal for the highest and best use.
- **Recycling Modernization Act:** Support legislation that protects the Recycling Modernization Act's core tenants and its start date of July 1, 2025.