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Regional Policy and Oversight Committee

July 8th, 2026

Re: Supportive Housing Services outcomes

Dear RPOC members,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, representing the mayors of twenty-four cities in the Portland Metro Area that collectively home over 1.7 million Oregonians, shares your concerns about the uncertain future of the Supportive Housing Services measure and its impacts on our thousands of unhoused constituents. City services play a vital role in getting those currently outside indoors, keeping those currently housed from returning to the streets, and building public trust. With the scheduled RPOC vote on goals, KEIs, and KPIs fast approaching in August, **MMC Mayors formally call upon the RPOC to adopt a metric regarding street-level homelessness at that meeting. The MMC also requests that the RPOC adopt a complementary outcome metric recognizing the role of cities in preventing homelessness by measuring housing stability and successful community tenancy. Such a metric should evaluate the effectiveness of services that help low-income households remain safely housed, avoid eviction, access supportive services, and maintain long-term stability in their communities. We ask that Metro staff draft appropriate language for consideration of these metrics at the August meeting.** Put simply, the streets cannot be an acceptable stop in the continuum of homeless services.

The MMC appreciates the forums for ongoing dialogue that have been established with cities, counties, business groups, and service providers. We are appreciative of the years of work from those around this table and the fact that senior leadership at Metro have joined meetings of the full MMC and its Executive Committee. Metro Councilors have maintained open doors to hearing the concerns of the region's Mayors.

The current SHS measure provides neither certainty nor adequacy of funding for city-led homelessness initiatives. The existing measure also does not address the cost to city budgets of supporting affordable housing. We remain optimistic that we can collaborate to ensure that critical services delivered by cities are eligible for and funded by the SHS measure. Mayors are committed to remedying street-level concerns that presently betray the public's trust.

The region's mayors remain your partners. We urge you to include acknowledgement of the role of city services in the outcome metrics adopted at the next RPOC meeting.

Sincerely,

Chair Lacey Batey and Vice-Chair Joe Buck, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium