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**Opportunity and Stability for All:
Draft National Housing Priorities for Greater Portland**
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Why have shared priorities?





75%

Percentage of very low-income households who pay more than half their income on housing costs.



50%

Percentage of very low-income households who don't know how they will pay rent next month



2,640

Neighbors counted sleeping outside one January night in 2019



8,000

Students (Pre-K - 12) experienced homelessness during the past year.



19,324

Households are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness.



19,495

Households currently waiting on public housing waiting lists.

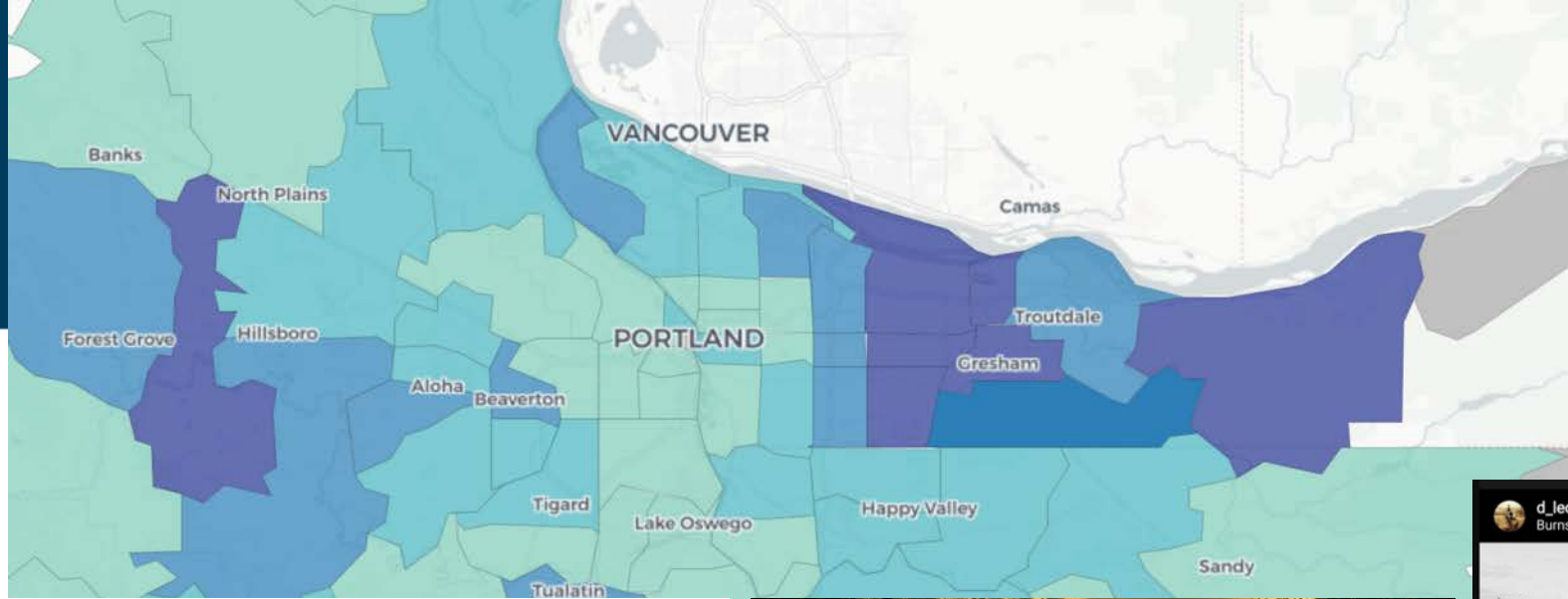
Stepping up together.

- 2018** Metro affordable housing bond
State constitutional amendment
- 2019** State tenant protections
Missing-middle zoning reform
- 2020** Supportive Housing measure



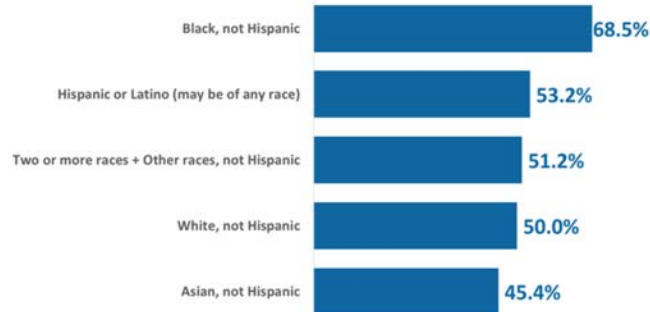
Oregon coronavirus infections by ZIP code

The state releases data every Wednesday revealing where people with coronavirus infections live. Click on the map to see totals for communities with 10 or more cases plus the accompanying per capita rates.



OREGON HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING A LOSS OF INCOME SINCE MARCH 13 BY RACE/ETHNICITY, AS OF JUNE 2, 2020

Black households have experienced significantly higher losses of household income during the pandemic than other race or ethnic groups in Oregon.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, Week 5.



Draft national housing priorities for Greater Portland

- Strengthen Fair Housing policy
- Prevent economic evictions & foreclosures
- Stabilize extremely low-income households
- Create more affordable homes
- Deploy proven solutions for homelessness
- Prioritize BIPOC homeownership

The background of the slide features a photograph of a modern, multi-story apartment building with light-colored siding and multiple windows. In the foreground, two people are walking away from the camera on a paved path. The person on the left is wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, while the person on the right is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They appear to be holding hands. The scene is set outdoors with green grass and trees in the background.

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Strengthen Fair Housing policy

Recognize systemic racism in housing policy

Meet original intent of Fair Housing Act to
resolve disparities

Limit exclusionary local zoning

Evaluate federal investments for racial disparity

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, is walking away from the camera on a paved sidewalk. She is holding the hand of a young child who is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt, blue jeans, and brown boots. They are walking towards a large, multi-story apartment building with light-colored siding and multiple windows. There are trees and greenery in the foreground and background. The sky is clear and blue.

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Prevent economic evictions and foreclosures

Extend and expand eviction moratoriums

Establish rent-forgiveness programs

Expand funding for mortgage & rent assistance

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Stabilize extremely low-income households

Vouchers create stable homes

Re-invest in long-term rent assistance

Broaden access to more families

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, is walking away from the camera on a paved sidewalk. She is holding the hand of a young child who is also walking away. The child is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are walking on a wide, paved sidewalk that runs alongside a large, multi-story apartment building with light-colored siding and multiple windows. There are trees and greenery in the foreground and background. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

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Create and construct more affordable homes

Expand national programs that fund
affordable housing development/protection
Reduce restrictions on preserving existing
buildings as affordable housing



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Deploy proven homelessness solutions

Fund supportive housing services

Expand definitions of chronic homelessness to
enable more people to access services

Ensure access to health & recovery treatment

Lower barriers to access emergency shelters

A person with long dark hair wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, and a small child in a light-colored shirt and jeans, are walking away from the camera on a paved sidewalk. They are holding hands. In the background is a large, multi-story apartment building with light-colored siding and multiple windows. There are trees and greenery around the building.

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Prioritize BIPOC homeownership

Prioritize and fund assistance programs for
first-time BIPOC homeowners
Income-based mortgage interest deduction
Restore funding for down-payment assistance

A local perspective



*Stephanie and her daughter Teja served by
Washington County housing programs*



*72nd and Baylor Apartments
Washington County Metro Housing Bond*

Paige Spence, Washington County

MPAC discussion

How is your community or jurisdiction impacted by housing issues relevant to national policies?

How could your community use these principles for education and policy lobbying?

What recommendations do you have for Metro staff to advance this work?



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