

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOGNIZING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5085
HERETOGETHER POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR)	
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES AND)	Introduced by the Metro Council
DIRECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A)	
WORKPLAN)	

WHEREAS, the greater Portland region is facing a severe housing affordability and homelessness crisis, which endangers the health and safety of thousands of our unhoused neighbors. Homelessness is a deeply traumatic and dehumanizing experience that no person should have to endure, regardless of their circumstances; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 3,123 to 4,935 households in the greater Portland region need supportive housing services, and thousands more need housing assistance, according to the February 2020 ECONorthwest report entitled “Potential Sources and Uses of Revenue to Address the Region’s Homeless Crisis”; and

WHEREAS, communities of color have been directly impacted by a long list of systemic inequities and discriminatory policies that have caused higher rates of housing instability and homelessness among people of color and they are disproportionately represented in the housing affordability and homelessness crisis;

WHEREAS, the housing affordability and homelessness crisis in the greater Portland region impacts us all and requires collective and individual action from every person, business, elected official, and resident that calls the region home;

WHEREAS, a safe, affordable home is the cornerstone on which all other success is built, and the stable foundation all members of our community need to thrive;

WHEREAS, the homelessness crisis is an issue of scale and services do not yet match the scope of the crisis;

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of service providers, business leaders, elected officials, and advocates have come together as HereTogether over the course of the last year to identify the needs, develop strategies, engage communities, and build regional consensus, which culminated in the development of a “Regional Policy Framework”; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Policy Framework presents a vision of services and investments to address homelessness and housing instability;

WHEREAS, the Regional Policy Framework presents a strategy for providing homeless and support services to achieve housing stability; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes the community outreach and collaboration by HereTogether to build a broad coalition of service providers, business and philanthropic representatives, and community members; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council supports the regional goals, outcomes, and strategies described in the Regional Policy Framework;

WHEREAS, continued regional collaboration with the broad coalition convened by HereTogether, as well as local governments and service providers, is necessary to implement the strategies and achieve the goals and strategies; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Metro Council supports the goals, outcomes, and strategies identified in the Regional Policy Framework, attached as Exhibit A, to guide future regional collaboration.
2. That the Metro Council directs staff to use the Regional Policy Framework for further planning and implementation with local governments, service providers and other implementers, and the community, and to report on a regular basis to the Metro Council on progress made toward the development of a work Supportive Housing Services work plan.
3. That the Metro Council commits to open, inclusive, and transparent community engagement in the development of the work plan and implementation of the measure, including ongoing consultation and coordination with service providers including coalition members from HereTogether, Clackamas County, Multnomah County, and Washington County.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this ____ day of February 2020.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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