

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5148
METRO SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES)	
WORK PLAN)	
)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020, the Metro Council adopted Ordinance 20-1442 which, among other things, imposed business and personal income taxes to fund a Supportive Housing Services Program; and

WHEREAS, as part of that Ordinance adoption, the Metro Council found that 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, the Council further found that thousands of households in the greater Portland region need supportive housing, and thousands more need housing assistance and other supports to achieve housing stability, according to the February 2020 ECONorthwest report entitled “Potential Sources and Uses of Revenue to Address the Region’s Homeless Crisis,” and

WHEREAS, the Council further found that 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; and

WHEREAS, the Council also found that the homelessness crisis is an issue of scale and services do not yet match the scope of the crisis, and additional revenue is required to scale services to meet the needs and scope of the crisis; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-5083 referred Ordinance 20-1442 (Supportive Housing Services) to the voters for approval, which was designated as Measure 26-210 by Multnomah County Elections and placed on the May 2020 ballot (the “Measure”); and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2020, the Metro area voters approved the Measure, thereby approving Ordinance 20-1442; and

WHEREAS, since the election Metro has been collaborating with its jurisdictional partners and stakeholders to develop a regional Supportive Housing Services program, incorporating the goals and outcomes set forth in the Measure; and

WHEREAS, Metro staff now proposes a Metro Supportive Housing Services Work Plan which will serve as a framework for the Metro Supportive Housing Services implementation

activities in addition to the new Metro Code Chapter 11.01 (“Supportive Housing Services Program”); now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metro Council hereby adopts the Metro Supportive Housing Services Work Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney