



December 11, 2015

KATE BROWN
Governor

Mayor Christine Lundberg
City of Springfield
225 Fifth Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Margaret Salazar
HUD Field Office Director, Oregon State Office
1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 400
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Dear Mayor Lundberg and Director Salazar:

I received your request that the **Manufactured Home Park Closure and Tenant Displacement Collaborative** be designated as an Oregon Solutions project. After reviewing your request and the assessment summary conducted by Oregon Solutions staff, I feel this project supports the program objectives. Therefore, by this letter I am designating this as an Oregon Solutions project and appointing *Vicki Walker, Oregon State Director, USDA Rural Development and Mayor Christine Lundberg (yourself)* as the co-conveners.

The co-conveners will lead a team of public, private, and civic partners toward innovative solutions to assist residents, owners, and renters who are living in mobile homes in parks in substandard conditions and/or who face being evicted as a result of redevelopment pressures. I appreciate that Springfield has stepped up to meet the difficult challenge shared by many Oregon communities grappling with the serious consequences of residents facing displacement.

Communities are often ill-equipped to sufficiently serve displaced residents in finding new housing after a park closure. I am pleased that you are working collaboratively to help local communities understand what opportunities might be available to improve or replace homes or park infrastructure, to move homes to new sites, or to provide assistance in relocation or housing searches for park residents. There is great benefit to having Oregon Solutions and a neutral facilitation process to help develop a housing and social service assistance response which is coordinated and ready for implementation.



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By integrating and leveraging resources, this project has the potential to offer a complete offering of resources and assistance to families facing, what in reality for them, is a housing crisis. Please keep the governor's office updated on this effort and thank you for your work and enthusiasm thus far.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Governor Kate Brown

cc: Vicki Walker, Oregon State Director, USDA Rural Development
Jackie Mikalonis, South Valley/Mid Coast Regional Solutions Coordinator
Bev Stein, Director, Oregon Solutions

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