



Agenda/Notes

Office of Governor Tina Kotek
RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee
April 18, 2025 – Zoom
2:30 – 4:00pm
Facilitator: Javier Cervantes

MEMBERS

E	Chris Bonner		Jimmy Jones		Melinda Bell
E	Cameron Herrington	X	Kim McCarty	X	Nathan Teske
	Cathryn Murray	E	Marisa Zapata	X	William Miller
X	Jackie Follis	E	Maria “Meg” Guerrero		

OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Svetha Ambati	X	Matthew Tschabold
X	Javier Cervantes	X	Yasmin Solorio	X	Jan Mason
E	Marin Arreola				

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
1. Updates letter to Ways and Means 2. Discussion: Education and Challenges in Property Management 3. New Topics (removed)	<p><i>Kim provides welcome. Agenda is amended and we will incorporate “new topics” for next meeting.</i></p> <p>Javier: Letter “RJC Advocacy Letter Housing and Homelessness Committee_W_M Final” is updated to OLIS. Matt hoping to find new topics for committee to look at and broadens the scope of what we’ve been discussing and other areas for us to influence. Leave that with you for open discussion.</p> <p>Kim: Wanted to share reflections on conversations we had with Governor on RJC meeting on GRB. My takeaway is its still important we advocate for what’s important to us, the letter is in their hands and it doesn’t hurt to reach out separately because there is pushback. What I’m hearing is co-chairs are taking more conservative approach to put funds in reserve and competitions for resources and all local jurisdictions say they are hurting for resources as well. Not a given there is support for all of these housing issues. Wanted to open it up to see what anyone else has heard and advocacy in that regard. Meg and staff, would really like to hear from committee members on what should we focus on. Property management is something Meg wants to bring to the community and other housing related issues. Open the floor for that conversation.</p>	

Will: I'd also like to discuss property management and culturally relevant property management services.

Nathan: I know Meg had been advocating set aside for culturally specific property management, is that part of the governor's budget?

Kim: I thought it was but couldn't say for certain.

Matt: There is a pop for new culturally specific program. 3 million. It's a policy option package for GRB, not part of the current service level.

Javier: What are other items that would be good for committee to think about as far as new priorities going into spring. Legislative session is closing. Start mapping out summer months and what we want to see. Setting us up for future engagement and going forward.

Kim: Maybe this committee would be interested in Goal 10 land use planning?

Nathan: are we able to list those as topics for future consideration? Oregon's a sanctuary state, wondering when the shoes going to drop on that and what that would mean to sanctuary jurisdictions and ability to limit individuals. I imagine it will become very relevant for us to think about.

Javier: any reactions?

Matt: On the latter on sanctuary not sure what the topic is next to housing. My recommendation to the committee – it meets every other month, so maybe two big bodies of work coming up, if the committee wants to weigh in now to get started. One is new program implementation or existing program implementation for 2025-2027 biennium. Designing and implementing new programs, updating existing and continuing implementation. Do we want to weigh in on a particular program. We would need to do that in advance of next biennium. Second category of things is thinking of next legislative session 2026, timeline for any policy or program process is. The executive branch is backed up but with timelines we would need to submit LC's on policy bills for next session in the fall. We only have a few committee meetings between now and then, depending on full RJC process. Both those are pretty large. My recommendation is to chose a couple you want to dive into or exploring policy concepts for next session, as you reflect on updating your work plan.

Kim; Truly look forward to any policy recommendations the committee may have that we want to focus on. Likewise for program design, what that brings to mind for me is desire for new housing construction. Very possible in new design construction that communities of color won't benefit. What are things in place we can do to ensure that doesn't happen, reaffirm that as a tool and strengthen it our new housing construction is racially equitable for all communities. Strengthen our commitment to fair housing.

Matt: BOLI and OHCS for education and nuances.

Kim: Fair housing council of Oregon does advocacy and enforcement. They lost about over half of their funding due to the federal level.

Javier: Summary of Potential LC or updating existing programs possibly.

Nathan: OCHS and culturally specific developments. Extremely cumbersome and slow. Anyhow that's what comes to me. We've been waiting for over a year for a contract. Mind boggling, OHCS delay. Would love to see a change in that area if possible. An example is like at Bienestar, we have a homeownership center and an example we do an annual budget but we can't start charging to the contract until we have a contract & and so what's happened a couple of years in a row now is we don't actually get the contract until the second quarter of the fiscal year so even though we budget for a year and we're asked to submit a budget for a whole year we actually can only bill like 8 months because we don't get a contract until October. Just as an example we're we built this budget but then we can actually only invoice for eight of the 12 months.

Javier: Thank you for that. Any other items to keep an eye on for future?

Matt: My recommendation is to be cognizant of the frequency this committee meets and potential to move substantive recommendations on a policy or existing new program. Will take 1-2 to unpack a policy or procedure and collectively make recommendations.

Kim: Contracting, culturally specific property management and workforce, agencies in housing, procurement as it relates to money getting into ESB businesses. With that list I would recommend we pull all

	<p>of you and see which one rises to the top and Meg and I can suggest agenda to dig into one or two of those.</p> <p>Javier: Please send us a list of items and we can poll importance of people.</p> <p><i>Kim meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.</i></p>	
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Meeting Materials	 <p>RJC Advocacy Letter Housing and Homele</p>
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Zoom Chat

14:33:24 From Jan Mason to Hosts and panelists:

BRB - forgot my glasses

14:34:25 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

Happy belated birthday!

14:35:51 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov. Office (She/Her) to Hosts and panelists:

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14:38:35 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

I'll say hi in the chat

14:38:47 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

Svetha Ambati, Governor Kotek's senior housing advisor

14:38:59 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

I'll also re-join in a sec

14:40:01 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov. Office (She/Her) to Hosts and panelists:

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14:45:44 From Will Miller (he/him) to Hosts and panelists:

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14:53:33 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

nothing to add!

15:08:50 From Nathan's iPhone to Hosts and panelists:

Thanks everyone!

15:08:57 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

Have a great weekend all, sorry for mic issues!

TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR



April 16, 2025

Co-Chairs Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Tawna Sanchez
Co-Vice-Chairs Senator Fred Girod, Representatives David Gomberg and Greg Smith
and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Letter of Support for Governor's Housing Budget and Priority Bills

Dear Co-Chairs, Lieber and Sanchez, Co-Vice-Chairs Girod, Gomberg and Smith, and Members of the Committee:

The Racial Justice Council advises the Governor and provides communities that have been historically excluded from decision-making tables more meaningful access to and a voice in the policy making that directly impacts the lives of Oregonians of color.

The Racial Justice Council is writing to express its strong support for the housing-related items in Governor Kotek's recommended budget for 2025. The Governor's commitment to addressing the housing crisis in Oregon through strategic investments is timely and necessary. We believe these initiatives will have a profound impact on the lives of countless residents and the overall well-being of our communities.

Specifically, we would like to highlight our support for the following housing budget and policy items for their impact on equitable housing access for communities of color:

1. Homelessness Prevention and Support Services, Tenant Rights and Shelter (\$933 million)
 - a. Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - i. Maintain Homelessness Response System and Outcomes
 - ii. Housing Infrastructure and Innovation
 - iii. Housing Stabilization for People Transitioning from State Systems
 - iv. Prevent Loss of Current Affordable Housing
 - v. Homelessness Response and Accountability
2. New Housing Production (\$1.06 billion)
 - a. Affordable rental housing and permanent supportive housing
 - i. Homeownership



- ii. Infrastructure for housing development
 - iii. Housing Production System Improvements
3. Governor's Housing Policies with Racial Equity Impacts:
- a. Homelessness Prevention and Support Services, including Shelters
 - i. HB3644: Establish permanent state shelter program infrastructure in state statute.
 - ii. HB 2139: Establish permanent Tribal housing grant program in state statute.
 - iii. SB 814: Expand access to long term rent assistance for youth leaving the Oregon Youth Authority facilities.
4. Housing Production and Infrastructure and Innovation
- i. HB 3031: Establish a program that funds water, wastewater, stormwater, and transportation infrastructure needed for new housing production.
 - ii. HB 2138: Policy changes to legalize thousands of additional middle housing units.

The housing crisis in Oregon is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, and the Governor's budget reflects a clear understanding of the urgency and scale of this issue. By prioritizing these critical investments, she is taking meaningful steps to create a more equitable and prosperous future for all residents.

We urge the Legislature to support these housing budget items and want to work with you to pass a budget that prioritizes the needs of our communities. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to addressing this vital issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide additional support or information to advance these priorities.

On Behalf of the Racial Justice Council,

Maria Elena Guerra - Racial Justice Council Member
Kim McCarty - Racial Justice Council Member