

Vision

Home is where everything begins, for kids, families, adults, and elders. All that we hope to achieve together as a state and as communities depends on Oregonians having safe, decent, and affordable housing close to where they work, learn, and connect. Oregon can be a place where people who work hard to make ends meet have the opportunity to sustain their families and create a better future. It can be a place where people can thrive in the neighborhoods they grew up in.

Values

Family
Children
Security
Opportunity
Prosperity

- Everyone deserves a safe, stable, affordable home.
- Oregonians should be able to afford housing and still have enough money for groceries and other basic necessities
- Children deserve an opportunity to succeed in school and life, which is tied to having a stable home
- Housing gives people an opportunity to build better lives. To succeed you need a place to call home

Problem

Oregon is currently a place where statewide economic recovery is robust for a few, yet many face significant barriers to prosperity.

- In 2014/15 we allowed a significant increase in kids experiencing homelessness – 20,524 kids or about one in every classroom.
- We allow evictions of whole buildings of tenants with almost no notice.
- Oregon is a place where the average wage earner has to work 49 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.
- And people experiencing homelessness are dying on the streets.

Solution

We can solve this problem. The Oregon Legislature has the opportunity to immediately make the lives of Oregonians better in the 2016 session by:

- Protecting tenants from excessive rent increases and evictions made with no reason
- Ending homelessness for more Oregonians
 - Committing to fund deposits, rent supplement, emergency shelter
- Investing in new housing
 - Fully funding the \$100 million Local Initiatives and Fast Track Development Program
- Preventing people from becoming homeless
 - Preserving existing affordable housing
 - This is also gentrification mitigation tool—rent restricted housing remains affordable despite property cost inflation
 - Preventing additional foreclosures