



**Interfaith
Alliance on
Poverty**

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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, Oregon 97201

Re: Manufactured Dwelling Park Project

Dear Commissioners:

The Interfaith Alliance on Poverty is a group of thirteen Portland-based faith communities working together to understand and to alleviate generational poverty in our city. On its behalf, we are writing in strong support of the proposed residential multi-dwelling base zone for manufactured dwelling parks (MDP). We believe the new base zone will result in consistent land use regulations for MDPs and will help meet the policy stated in the 2035 Comprehensive Plan to “encourage preservation of mobile home parks as a low/moderate-income housing option,” as well as the Plan’s policies related to equity and displacement.

As people of faith, we believe all our neighbors deserve a decent roof overhead, regardless of their income level. Mobile (and other manufactured) homes are often the last hope for keeping people from living on the street. Affordable housing options are extremely scarce in this time of housing crisis and it’s imperative to preserve and expand all available sources.

We call upon you to quickly move forward with this MDP base zone and we look forward to working with the city and other allied organizations in furthering opportunities for affordable housing.

Sincerely,

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cc: Tom Armstrong, Supervising Planner, Office of Planning and Sustainability
Hon. Ted Wheeler, Mayor

Interfaith Alliance on Poverty faith community members:

- Ainsworth United Church of Christ
- Augustana Lutheran Church
- Central Lutheran Church
- Congregation Beth Israel
- First Unitarian Church of Portland
- Fremont United Methodist Church
- Genesis Community Fellowship
- Grace Memorial Episcopal
- Rose City Park Presbyterian Church
- Rose City Park United Methodist Church
- St Andrew Catholic Church
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Parish / The Madeleine Parish
- Westminster Presbyterian Church

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