**Draft City Legislative Priorities**

**2015 Draft Priorities Section**

**Brownfield Cleanup**

*Objective:*

Support legislation to promote redevelopment of brownfield sites through funding, financing and policy changes that bolster cleanup efforts.

**Housing and Homelessness**

*Objective:*

Support legislation to restore funding to critical housing resources that keep Oregonians at-risk of homelessness housed, and provide emergency assistance to Oregonians experiencing homelessness. (EHA & SHAP)

**2015 Draft Initiatives Section**

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**2015 Draft Policy Positions**

**Ban the Box**

*Objective:*

Support legislation to remove questions about prior criminal histories from job and housing applications.

**Individual Development Account**

*Objective:*

Support efforts to renew and expand the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program by extending the program sunset date to 2021 and incrementally increasing the total donation cap to $25 million.

**Minimum Wage**

*Objective:*

Support legislation to raise the state minimum wage.

**Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit**

*Objective:*

Support legislation to raise the annual cap on the Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credit.

**Preemptions of Local Government Authority**

*Objective:*

Strongly oppose legislation that would preempt the City’s authority and support legislation to lift existing preemptions. Conversely, the City will support efforts to remove preemptions on local government authority, such as allowing greater autonomy in day-to-day operations or increased authority to levy taxes or fees.

**Tax Exemption on Land-Banked Properties**

*Objective:*

Support a property tax exemption for non-profit owners of vacant land being land-banked for future construction of affordable housing.

**Urban Renewal**

*Objective:*

Oppose legislation that would financially weaken or reduce the City’s ability to use urban renewal statutes as a tool for economic development, redevelopment, and neighborhood improvement.