welcome

from Housing Commissioner Nick Fish

The new Portland Housing Bureau was created during the worst housing crisis in a generation. This report tells the story of our first year – the challenges we faced, the team we assembled, the partnerships we developed, and the results.

Our mission is to focus community resources on the unmet housing needs of the people of Portland. With our resources, we emphasize three core areas: ending homelessness, increasing rental housing options, and promoting stable homeownership.

With our nonprofit, business, government and faith community partners, we accomplished a lot over the last year:

- Launched the new Portland Housing Bureau, bringing all of the City's housing functions under one roof.
- Partnered with private and nonprofit developers to build 409 new units of housing for low-income residents of the city.
- Invested in culturally-specific programs to help first-time homebuyers and to prevent foreclosures.
- Broke ground on the Bud Clark Commons, a one-stop center for people experiencing homelessness.
- Made progress on the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness by focusing on cost-effective, long-term solutions.

The City's housing team is working hard to make Portland a better place for us all, especially those who are left behind. Thank you for supporting our mission.

our values

from Director Margaret Van Vliet

Over the past year, we have spent a lot of time talking to the community. Based on all that we heard, we developed a plan that describes our mission as a bureau, our vision for the community, and our priorities to address unmet housing needs.

Our work is driven by four core values:

EQUITY We must recognize Oregon's history of housing discrimination and address current-day disparities in access to the resources, programs and opportunities. We value a diverse workforce and a workplace that honors different voices and celebrates the richness of diverse cultures.

STEWARDSHIP We invest resources in projects and initiatives that provide the highest public value and greatest impact.

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TRANSPARENCY Our success depends upon the integrity of our external and internal relationships. Our decisions result from processes that are clear, open and without bias.

INNOVATION We believe that we need new thinking, partners and solutions to solve long-standing problems and build a progressive and proactive organization.

Portland is fortunate to have the dedicated employees of PHB focused on carrying out our mission. I am honored to work with them and with our many partners.

The people featured in these pages are bureau staff, members of their families and community partners. Pictured on the cover, top photo, is Compliance Specialist Stella Martinez (third from left) with family members Molly, Rachel and Lucia. Across the bottom are staff members Ruth Jauregui Benson, Contract Specialist; David Sheern, Program Coordinator; Mary Welch, Administrative Assistant; and Komi Kalevor, Housing Finance Manager.

our partners

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African American Alliance for Homeownership

Albina Community Bank

American Red Cross

Asian Pacific Islander Community Improvement

Association

Bank of America

Bank of the West

Bridge Meadows

Blanchet House

Cascade AIDS Project

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare

Catholic Charities

Central City Concern

City of Portland

Clackamas County Bank

Clark County Public Health

Community Alliance of Tenants

Community Energy Project

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Enterprise Social Investment Corp.

Fair Housing Council of Oregon

First Presbyterian Church

Guardian Management

City of Gresham

Habitat for Humanity Portland Metro East

Hacienda CDC

Housing Authority of Portland

Housing Development Center

Human Solutions

Impact NW

Immigrant and Refugee Community of Oregon

Innovative Housing Inc.

Josiah Hill, III Clinic

JOIN

JPMorgan Chase

Key Bank

Legal Aid Services of Oregon

MacDonald Center

Metro

Metro Multifamily Housing

Multnomah County

National Equity Fund

NAYA Family Center

Network for Oregon Affordable Housing

New Avenues for Youth

Northwest Housing Alternatives

Northwest Pilot Project

Orange Splot

Oregon Community Warehouse

Oregon Housing and Community Services

Oregon Opportunity Network

Outside In

PNC Bank

Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives

Piedmont Community Developers

Portland Business Alliance

Portland Development Commission

Portland Housing Center

Proud Ground

REACH CDC

Rebuilding Together

Rental Housing Association of Greater Portland

ROSE CDC

Sabin CDC

Salvation Army

Street Roots

Transitions Projects Inc.

Turtle Island Development

U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development

Upshur Renewal

US Bank

Unlimited Choices

Wells Fargo

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