



June 17, 2024

Hermiston City Council  
180 NE 2nd St  
Hermiston, OR 97838

**RE: Map amendments are proposed for land located in the northeast area of Hermiston. The proposed changes are to the city's comprehensive plan map from Future Residential (F-R) to Low Density Residential (L) with a corresponding change in zoning designation from FU-10 to Low Density Residential (R-1) for approximately 25.85 acres. The property is also proposed for annexation.**

Dear Council Members:

This letter is submitted jointly by Housing Land Advocates (HLA) and the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO). Both HLA and FHCO are non-profit organizations that advocate for land use policies and practices that ensure an adequate and appropriate supply of affordable housing for all Oregonians.

Both HLA and FHCO commend the City and support the adoption of the comprehensive plan map amendment. Planning staff created a detailed staff report with Goal 10 findings that made a compelling case that this amendment will help the City meet its housing needs. This will be used as a good example for other jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel Goldberg".

Samuel Goldberg  
Public Policy Manager  
Fair Housing Council of Oregon

Cc: Ethan Stuckmayer, DLCD

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