



# **Equitable Housing Solutions**

**Severely Rent Burdened Event/Meeting**

**Recap on Virtual Event/Meeting**

held November 10, 2021

6:00 PM to 7:15 PM



*Special Report to Tualatin's City Council*

*December 13, 2021*

# Event Goals

- Identify causes, barriers and solutions to Severe Rent Burden for Tualatin.
- Introduce Tualatin's Newly Adopted Housing Production Strategy (HPS) and identify the intersect between severe rent burden challenges and potential solutions from the HPS
- Meet state requirements for this event/meeting

# What is Severe Rent Burden?

**House Bill 4006 (2018)** requires cities greater than 10,000 in population, or "larger cities", to hold a public meeting to discuss the consequences/causes of severe rent burden, barriers to reducing rent burdens, and possible solutions.

**"Severe rent burden" or "severely rent burdened" is the circumstance where a household spends more than 50 percent of the household income on gross rent for housing.**

- A "severely rent burdened city" is a city where at least 25 percent of the renter households in the city are severely rent burdened.
- Currently, Tualatin is a severely rent burdened city with 25.3 percent of its households severely rent burdened.

# Outreach

## Outreach Methods

- Multiple email blasts to extensive invite list in Spanish and English
- Banner and calendar event on city website
- Tualatin Life advertising in Spanish and English
- Notices and flyers posted in Spanish and English in City Library and City offices
- Flyers delivered to Tualatin Pantry and distributed to low-income community members
- Networking

## Results

- 60 people registered for the event, which topped the past two years for this event considerably
- Informative HPS presentation
- Robust Panel Discussion
- Range of comments and questions from participants received and responded to

# Program/Event Features

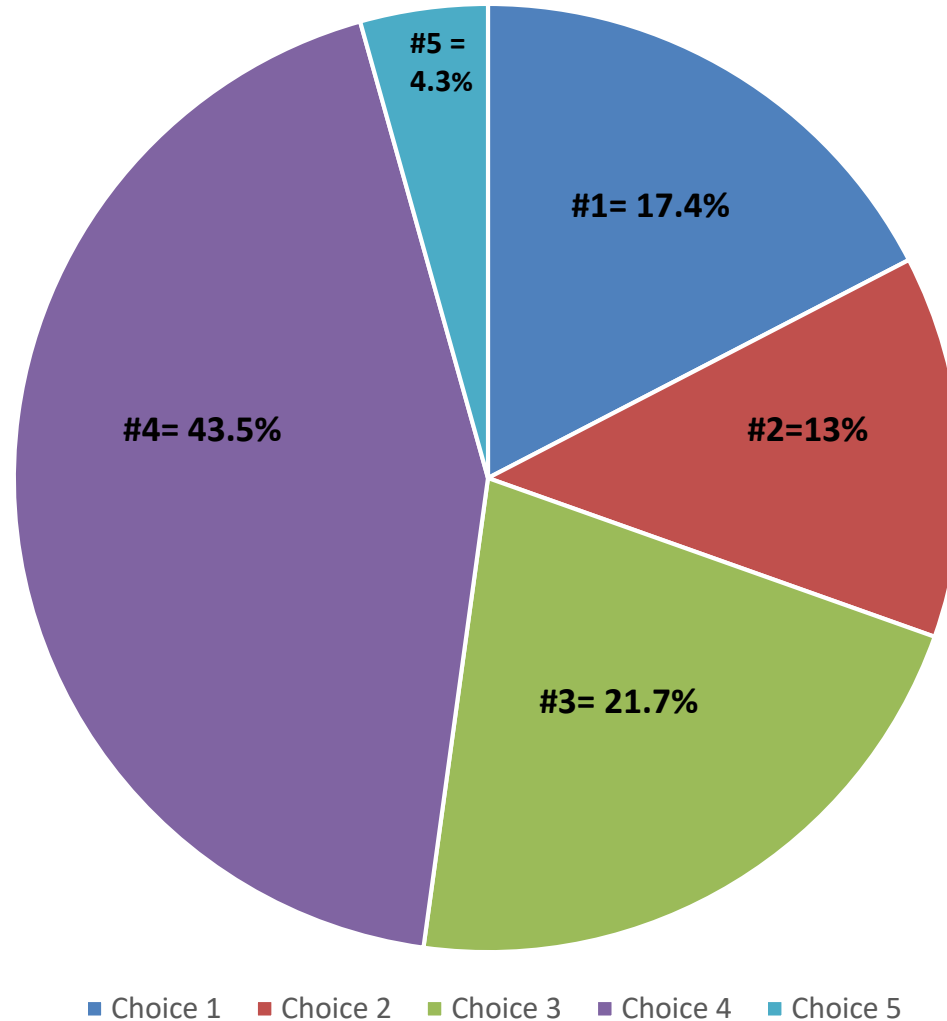
- Welcome with Intro to Equitable Housing Solutions Event/Meeting and Polling
- Presentation/Intro to Housing Production Strategy
- Moderated Panel with Six Esteemed Local Panelists with Equitable Housing Expertise
  - Looked at the Intersect between the HPS and Potential Solutions and Reducing Severe Rent Burden
- Open Q & A with Participants
- Closing: Ways to Stay Engaged and Involved in the City's Housing Production Strategy and Equitable Housing Solutions

# Polling Results

## What brings you to this Event/Meeting today?

### Multiple Choice Responses

1. I want to learn more about reducing severe rent burden (17.4%)
2. I saw this as an opportunity to learn more about Tualatin's Housing Production Strategy (13%)
3. I am interested in being involved in helping to find equitable housing solutions for Tualatin (21.7%)
4. **All of the above** (43.5%)
5. My household is experiencing severe rent burden and I am looking for solutions for my household (4.3%)



# Takeaways from Event

- **Event garnered strong positive interest** from the public, Council, housing agencies, non-profit developers, housing service providers and culturally specific organizations
- **Panelists were a wealth of knowledge on Equitable Housing Solutions**
- **Important to continue to build relationships** with housing partners, panelists, housing developers, housing service providers and others to support equitable housing and reduce severe rent burden
- **Next steps in 2022:**
  - Equitable Housing Funding Plan (under grant from State)
  - Housing Capacity (under grant from State)
  - Evaluate strategic actions in the HPS scheduled for 2022



# Questions and Feedback from Council