



HERETOGETHER

advancing solutions for homelessness



A Crisis in the Making

1970s – 1990s

- Deinstitutionalization without community mental health centers
- HUD Budget: 80% reduction in spending
- Demolition of SRO housing

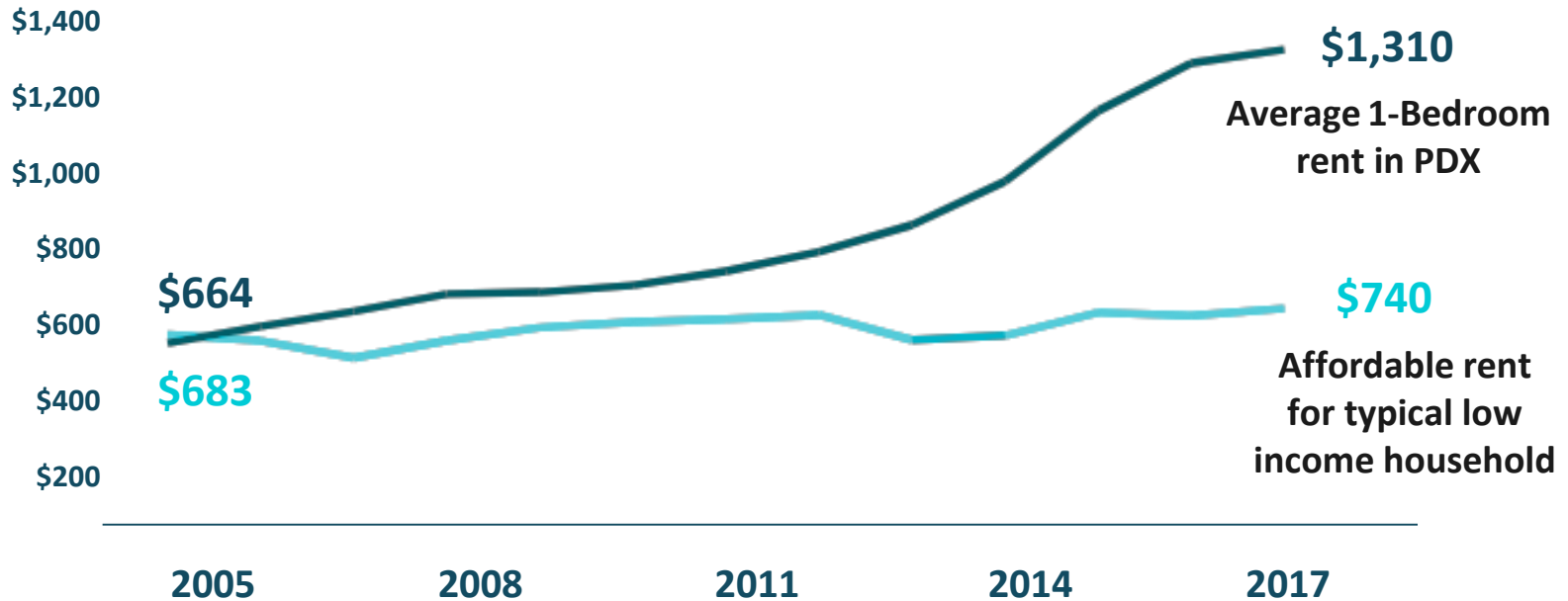
2008 – 2009

- The Great Recession

2011 – 2020

- The Portland Metro area:
 - huge economic growth + many new residents + inflation
 - not enough housing + not enough increase in salaries/pensions/govt assistance

Since 2005,
families have been unable to afford
1-bedroom apartments in the region



Understanding the Crisis

5,000-
12,000

Number of people in the Metro region sleeping outside or in shelters every night

>200

Number of unsanctioned camps in Portland

92

Number of people experiencing homelessness who died on the street in 2018 in Multnomah County

1,365

Number of publicly funded year-round emergency beds in Multnomah County in 2019

2-10
YEARS

Waitlist time for subsidized housing at Portland Housing Authority

Proven solutions already exist. Our coalition knows.

Voters

Service Providers

People with Lived Experience

Researchers

Elected Officials

Grassroots

Business

Organizations

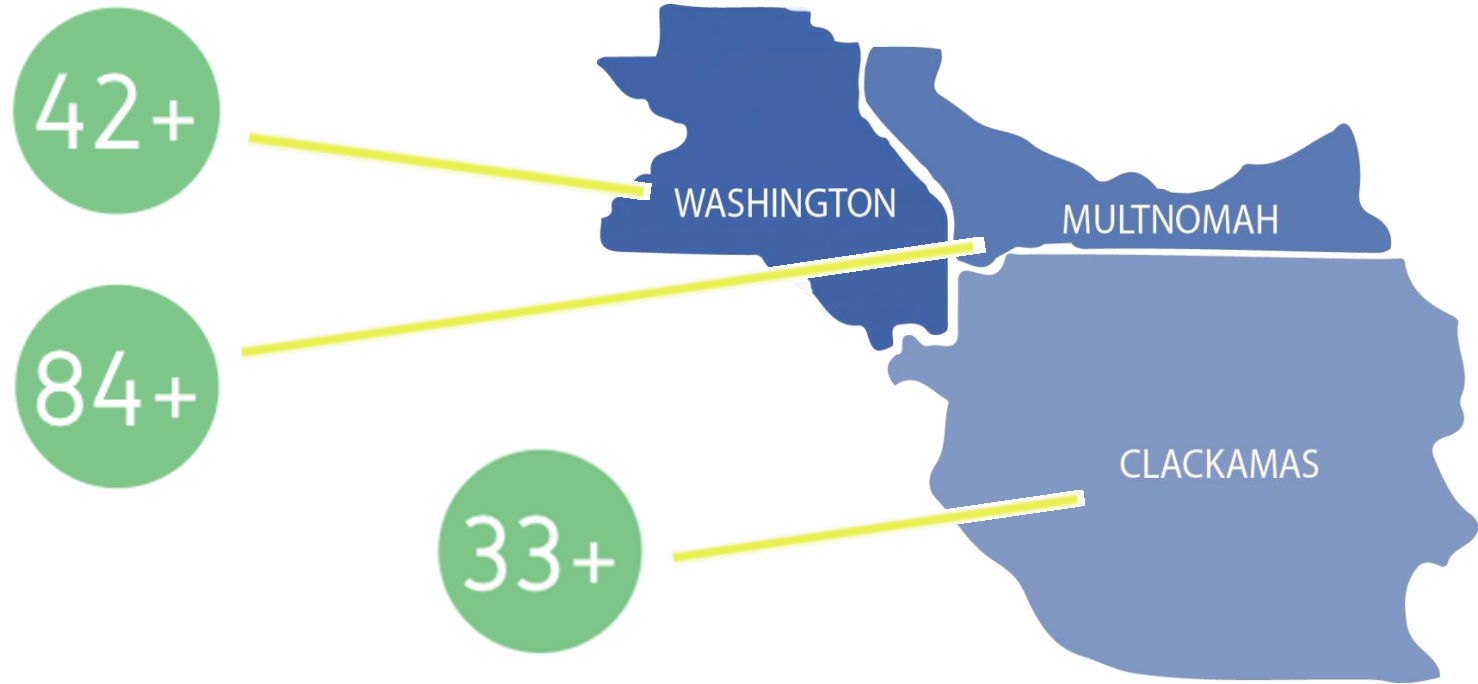
Faith

Academics

Culturally-specific Communities

Philanthropy

Engagement has been region wide



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Research has proven.

Housing First

- Without preconditions, prioritizing equity
- Stability is needed to address personal traumas and issues



Flexible Services

- Client-centered case workers, shelters needs, and rent assistance
- Culturally-responsive services that lead with race and equity
- Job training, mental health and addiction counseling, and other supportive services

A Region Wide Solution



Affordable housing measures
passed in 2016 & 2018

Already
passed



Need now

A comprehensive supportive homeless services measure of \$250-\$300 million annually to eliminate long-term and episodic homelessness in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties

Priorities

<i>% Total high</i>	Metro	ClackCo	MultCo	WashCo
Reducing homelessness	86	83	88	77
(Split) Improving public schools	77	77	79	81
(Split) Lowering the cost of housing	66	68	70	65
Reducing traffic congestion	66	69	60	66
(Split) Increasing availability of affordable housing	72	57	79	57
(Split) Providing universal Pre-K	41	33	49	27

Across the region,
voters prioritize
homelessness

GBAO Strategies
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Services	47
Mental health services	25
Addiction treatment	15
Help them get jobs/ job training	12
Wraparound services/social services	6
Food services	2
Caseworkers	1

Systemic Changes	41
Increase affordable housing/reduce housing costs	34
Build more shelters	25
Fix the economy	2

Other	22
Don't Know	7

Strict	10
Enforce the law/enforce anti-camping laws	8
Stop giving homeless people as many free services	3

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CLIENT-CENTERED, WRAPAROUND, HIGHLY FLEXIBLE SERVICES

Expand case management and outreach services



Prioritize permanent
supportive housing services



Expand culturally responsive and
appropriate service providers



Increase flexible funding streams
to help people transition out of
homelessness

CLIENT-CENTERED, WRAPAROUND, HIGHLY FLEXIBLE SERVICES

Expand clinical services



Improve access to behavioral
and mental health services
and interventions



Improve access to addiction
services to support people in
crisis and people in recovery



Expand access to services
and interventions for people
with physical impairments
and disabilities

CLIENT-CENTERED, WRAPAROUND, HIGHLY FLEXIBLE SERVICES

Increase access to income opportunities



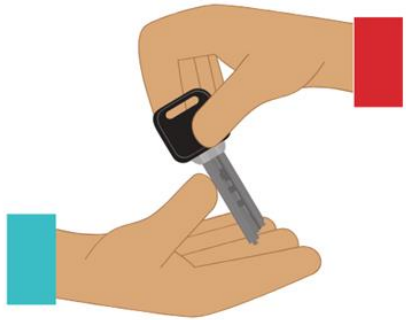
Job trainings, workplace support,
workshops on financial literacy,
and other education



Assist individuals in accessing
veterans benefits,
Social Security, disability income,
and other benefits

CLIENT-CENTERED, WRAPAROUND, HIGHLY FLEXIBLE SERVICES

Homeless prevention



Rent assistance,
eviction prevention services,
and legal services



Prevention services tailored
to rural households

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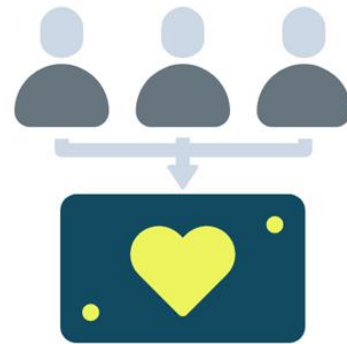
Expand access to affordable and culturally appropriate housing placements



Maximize federal, state, and local housing programs and subsidies



Ensure people exiting institutions and foster care have shelters, bridge, and/or transitional housing placements



Provide long-term housing subsidies for the elderly, youth, and people with disabilities

Voters show support for two revenue options

Business Licensing Fee

A dedicated business licensing fee of less than \$250,000 on businesses with more than \$25,000,000 per year in revenue.

Metro **57% in support**
43% in opposition

High Income Earners Tax

Increasing personal income taxes by 1% on joint filers with incomes over \$250,000 and single filers with incomes above \$125,000.

Metro **53% in support**
47% in opposition

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