

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY OREGON

ORDER 21-09-21-08

In the Matter of Approving the  
Recommendation from the Homes for Good  
Board of Commissioners to Modify the  
Governance Structure of Homes for Good

**WHEREAS**, Housing Authority and Community Services Agency of Lane County doing business as Homes for Good Housing Agency was created in 1949 as allowed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 456 when Lane County adopted a resolution as required by 456.085 declaring the need for a housing authority in the county;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good is rapidly growing in complexity and size driven by new and/or increasing federal, state and local funding levels;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good growth necessitates a significant increase in time investment by the Homes for Good Governance Board members in support of regular Board meetings, sub-committee meetings, ad hoc committee meetings and community engagement on behalf of the organization;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good Governance Board members, who are also Lane County Commissioners, are challenged from a time investment perspective to significantly increase their time investment to the Homes for Good Governance Board activities;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good Governance Board membership would benefit from community leaders with a passion for expanding affordable housing opportunities informed by their expertise in real estate development, racial and social justice, public finance and other relevant experience;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good Administration and Lane County Administration have worked in partnership to determine that this recommendation for a governance structure change is timely, supportive to Homes for Good's continued organizational growth and allowable under ORS 456.095 and 465.233;

**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good Board of Commissioners held work sessions in public session on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to discuss various options related to a possible governance structure change and to provide feedback to the Executive Director;

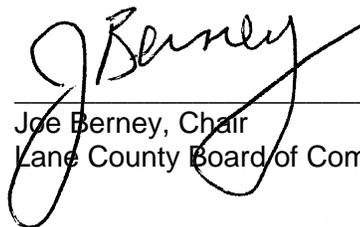
**WHEREAS**, Homes for Good Board of Commissioners approved the recommendation with Board Order 21-24-06-03H a 9-member Governance Board comprised of two resident/participant Appointed Commissioners, two Lane County Commissioners and five Appointed Commissioners from the Community;

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Commissioners of Lane County is the "governing body" as defined in ORS 456.055 with the authority to appoint commissioners of housing authority of the jurisdiction as authorized by ORS 456.095 and 456.233;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Lane County ORDERS as follows:

1. Elects to transfer the powers and authority to act as the housing authority commission to another body which, as designated under ORS 456.055 and 456.235, will exercise the powers as the housing authority commission to be effective in January 1, 2022. The new housing authority commission will be a 9-member governance board appointed by the Lane County Board of Commissioners and will be comprised of two resident/participant Appointed Commissioners, two Lane County Commissioners and five Appointed Commissioners from the Community. Once this transfer occurs, all duties and obligations of the housing authority commission shall thereafter be assumed and performed by the newly appointed commission.
2. Instructs Homes for Good Legal Counsel and Executive Director to draft and present to Lane County Legal Counsel and Chief Operations Officer, who will review, edit and then present to the Board of Commissioners proposed amendments to the Lane Manual to include a chapter outlining the roles and responsibilities of Lane County and Homes for Good related to the recruitment, appointment and ongoing administration of the Homes for Good governing Board.

**ADOPTED** this 21st day of September, 2021.



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Joe Berney, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners