

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL
FOR THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, OREGON**

**Resolution in Support of the
Continuum of Care Model**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-13

THE CITY COUNCIL (the "Council") OF THE CITY OF LAFAYETTE, OREGON (the "City") sat for the transaction of City business on July 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall and considered and approved the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue in the Mid-Willamette region, in Oregon, and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 650 homeless individuals in Yamhill County were identified in 2018 through the Point-in-Time Count; and

WHEREAS, homelessness in Yamhill County encompasses families with children, veterans, victims of domestic violence, and chronically homeless individuals experiencing mental illness and addictions; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development created the Continuum of Care program in 1994 as a means for communities across the nation to "engage in multi-year strategic planning for homeless programs and services that are well integrated with planning for mainstream services;" mainstream services denoting public housing, Section 8 housing choice vouchers, and services for runaway and homeless youth, victims of domestic violence, veterans, seniors, and people experiencing addictions and/or mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative, operating under the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, recommended that the region "assess local inclusion in the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care to understand how best to address the problems of homelessness and needs of people experiencing homelessness;" and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Willamette Homeless Initiative Steering Committee carefully considered relevant factors and determined that the region could benefit from creating its own Continuum of Care, with enhanced service coordination, local autonomy, and alignment of goals to more effectively reduce homelessness in the region.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City of Lafayette supports establishing a Continuum of Care for the Mid-Willamette region that could include Marion, Polk, and Yamhill counties and supports the new Continuum of Care registering with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2020.

APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lafayette this 11th day of July, 2019.

VOTE: Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 Abstentions: 0 Absent: 2

CERTIFIED:

ATTESTED:


Marie Sproul, Mayor


Kevin Perkins, Assistant City Administrator