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"She flies with her own wings." - Judge Jessie Quinn Thornton

Legislative Agenda Tigard, Oregon



Affordable Housing

 Support legislation to remove barriers for local governments to address the housing affordability crisis and support state investments that increase access to, and supply of, affordable housing units.

Economic Development and Land Use

- Support additional tools to facilitate remediation of brownfields.
- Support preserving urban renewal as a tool for communities.
- Advocate for legislation and funding that supports the proposed Southwest Corridor Light Rail project.

Finance

■ Property Tax Reform:

- Support referral to voters that would allow local control of temporary property tax outside of statewide caps;
- Support an amendment of the state constitution that would reset a property's assessed value to its real market value at the time of sale or construction;
- Support a statutory change regarding the way new property is added to the tax rolls to provide the option of applying a city-wide changed property ratio to new property.
- Provide increased transparency and accountability, better access and competition, and promote government efficiency in the procurement of certain professional services by allowing public contracting agencies to compare pricing information from qualified consultants

Finance (continued)

prior to making a selection and committing public dollars.

 Oppose preemption of the ability of cities to manage and receive compensation for the use of public ROW.

Transportation

 Support legislative priorities that address traffic congestion, economic development and jobs.

Other Focus Areas

- Advocate for legislative changes that will clarify and enhance public safety and local control related to marijuana dispensaries.
- Support increased resources for persons with mental health issues, especially in crisis situations.
- Advocate for PERS Reform that create savings opportunities as well as potential new revenue sources.
- Ensure the implementation of legislation specifying that an amateur athlete is not employee for the purpose of certain employment-related provisions.

Previous Legislative Support

In 2015, the Legislature approved a measure, which included \$1.5 million, to support public infrastructure, development and private sector investment in Tigard's Hunziker Industrial Core creating new sites for businesses and higher levels of employment.