

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

4/19/2018

RESOLUTION 2018.5

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to enacting a construction excise tax to fund affordable housing

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Oregon Legislature passed SB 1533, which "Creates new authority for city or county to impose construction taxes, at rate not exceeding one percent of permit valuation;" and

WHEREAS, SB 1533 further "Requires city or county to use net construction tax revenue to fund certain developer incentives and programs of city or county related to affordable housing;" and

WHEREAS, SB 1533 was a key component to Speaker of the Oregon House Tina Kotek's strategy to address Oregon's housing crisis during the 2016 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bend began assessing a construction excise tax in 2006, which had funded more than 615 affordable housing units and leveraged more than \$62.6 million in State and Federal funding and more than \$14.2 million in private equity, as of 2016; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2017, the Lane County Intergovernmental Housing Policy Board voted unanimously to recommend "adoption of a new Construction Excise Tax to [the Eugene] City Council."

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To support an ordinance to enact a construction excise tax to fund affordable housing in the City of Eugene consistent with the intent of SB 1533.

SECTION 2: To communicate our support to the Mayor of Eugene, Eugene City Councilors and Eugene City Manager.

SECTION 3: To advocate that any contracts for new construction funded by the proposed construction excise tax include project-labor or community benefits agreements that address prevailing wages, local and minority hiring and required apprenticeships.

SECTION 4: To encourage other jurisdictions in Lane County to enact a similar construction excise tax, if it makes sense in that jurisdiction.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, April 19, 2018**