

# CITY OF PORTLAND

## 2022 State Legislative Agenda



# City of Portland Council

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## 2022 State Legislative Agenda Priorities

Houselessness and Housing Stability

Community Safety

Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Climate and Environmental Justice

Local Authority

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The City of Portland is guided by six Core Values, including equity and anti-racism. In adopting these values, the City has affirmatively stated that it is an anti-racist institution, of which, the institution and all its employees are collectively responsible in dismantling institutional and systemic racism, discrimination, and oppression. The City's vision is rooted in enhancing the conditions for community members to have the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

In alignment with the City's Core Values, and the Citywide Racial Equity Goals and Strategies, the Office of Government Relations is dedicated to partaking in and upholding the City's responsibility in centering racial and disability equity in our collective responses to COVID-19 and in the City's state advocacy work. Recognizing that Black Communities, Indigenous Communities, People of Color, individuals with disabilities, older adults, immigrants, refugees, people who are LGBT2QIA+, veterans, and individuals experiencing poverty are often disproportionately affected, the City of Portland is committed to ensuring existing inequities are not exacerbated and is working to repair past harms through the City's state advocacy work.

The City of Portland supports, in concert with tribal partners, efforts to preserve tribal members' and their descendants' rights for **tribal sovereignty and self-governance** secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which they are entitled under the laws, treaties and constitution of the United States.

### HOUSELESSNESS AND HOUSING STABILITY

The City of Portland will advocate to keeping households stable and ensuring individuals essential needs are met through the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- Providing renters with additional security and stability with an extension of the timeline for **repayment of rental debt**.
- Protecting low-income and frontline communities by removing barriers for renters to install **portable cooling technologies** and addressing **emergency cooling** needs.
- Improving behavioral health outcomes for all Oregonians by building towards a **long-term strategic vision** that maximizes cross-jurisdictional collaboration, supports implementation of investments made during the 2021 legislative session, and bolsters the **behavioral health workforce**.
- Supporting funding and expansion of **legal aid services**, including immigration defense services, to support immigrant communities, renters, and BIPOC Oregonians.
- Supporting implementation of and further investment in **household stabilization programs**.

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### COMMUNITY SAFETY

The City of Portland will advocate for policies that help make Portlanders feel safe, connected, and welcome, including:

- Supporting vision zero goals by allowing the Portland Bureau of Transportation to review **fixed photo radar violations and citations**.
- Passing the **Transforming Community Justice** legislation to address racial disparities in the criminal justice system.
- Supporting technical fixes to **police accountability** legislation passed in the 2021 legislative session.

### ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND PROSPERITY

The City of Portland will advocate for resources and policies to promote an equitable recovery for workers, small businesses, and community and non-profit organizations, including:

- Supporting the **Equity Investment Act** to invest in wealth building, economic stability, business development, and other programs that support multi-generational wealth building for communities disproportionately impacted by over-policing and cannabis criminalization.

### CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

The City of Portland recognizes the critical need to invest in a swift transition to clean energy while reducing energy costs for low-income people and the most vulnerable individuals in our communities. This work centers the protection and well-being of BIPOC communities and builds resilience and stability to withstand future crises. The City will advocate for:

- Advancing legislation to improve **seismic safety for the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub**.
- Passing legislation to support implementation of the **Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District** along the Columbia River.

### LOCAL AUTHORITY

The City of Portland will strongly oppose efforts to limit its authority to develop and enforce local ordinances and voter-approved measures, manage its bureaus and their functions, and raise local revenue. The City will actively **advocate against restrictions of local authority**, including regulation of emerging technologies; tenant protections and relocation assistance; system development charges; climate action; local elections law; and franchise fees and right of way management.