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Council President Lynn Peterson

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To Chair Roberts and members of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners:

I want to express my gratitude for your time and engagement over the last two years as Metro Council explored ways to strengthen the regional Supportive Housing Services program. Your contributions — in the spirit of partnership and shared outcomes — were invaluable in supporting our most vulnerable community members and the future of this vital funding.

Your input helped identify critical components for strengthening oversight and transparency in the regional system, helping ensure accountability to the region's voters, and directly shaped two legislative actions adopted by Metro Council at the end of 2025:

- **The SHS Reforms Work Plan (Resolution 25-5534):** Outlines clear reform actions, milestones, deliverables, and timelines. These reforms focus on improving Metro's role as the regional administrator and do not change Counties' responsibilities for implementing programs or providers' responsibility for delivering services.
- **Oversight Committee Transition (Ordinance 25-1539):** Consolidates the responsibilities of the two existing SHS regional oversight bodies into the SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee, which is expected to launch April 2026.

Bringing the two committees together into a single body will establish a stronger, more unified governance structure - with elected leaders, service providers, people with lived experience, and experts working directly together with a shared purpose to drive lasting improvements for our regional system. (The existing SHS oversight committees will sunset between January and March of this year.)

I respectfully request that you appoint one representative and one alternate from the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to serve on the new SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee. We are providing advance notice to provide sufficient time for your governing body to complete its formal appointment process.

Please submit your appointments to Alice Hodge, Metro Housing Department Council Liaison (alice.hodge@oregonmetro.gov) no later than Friday, March 6, 2026. This timeline will enable staff to engage with new committee members ahead of the first meeting, helping ensure the committee begins its work with shared understanding and strong momentum. Thank you for your continued partnership and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Peterson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lynn Peterson
Metro Council President