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Statement: State Senator Anthony Broadman Applauds Central Oregon’s Progress On Homelessness

Point-In-Time Count represents years of work to help house Central Oregonians and end chronic homelessness.

Salem, OR – State Senator Anthony Broadman issued this statement today regarding the nearly 20% reduction of the number of people experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon:

“Central Oregon’s progress on homelessness is a testament to years of work by this community, our cities, counties, and the state. The tireless work of the Homeless Leadership Coalition in partnership with local and state government and Central Oregonians working to pull themselves out of housing insecurity, puts our region in a position to make even more progress in the years ahead. By sustainably building more homes than anywhere else in our state, working to better regulate public spaces, and delivering services efficiently to those in need, Central Oregon serves as an example to the rest of the state on how we can meet this crisis head on. The more homes we build for working people in Central Oregon, the more progress we’ll continue to make on housing all of us.”

In September 2021, then Bend City Councilors Broadman and Megan Perkins proposed the formation of the Coordinated Homelessness Response Office, State Representative Jason Kropf (D-Bend) introduced and championed House Bill 4123 (2022) to create locally-led coordinated homeless response systems in eight pilot communities around Oregon, helping these communities better leverage their current resources and address service and policy gaps.

“The regional multi-agency approach we have taken is the reason why we are starting to see some positive results,” said Bend Mayor Pro Tem and Vice Chair of the Coordinated Houseless Response Office Megan Perkins. “This work doesn’t happen in a vacuum. It reflects the dedication and coordination of service providers, regional partners, nonprofits and community members all working toward the same outcome.”

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