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# *Ideas RoundUP*

Urban Planning Discussion Series



## Civic Engagement & Public Participation

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# Common points of engagement in the land use process

## Legislative actions

- Comprehensive plan
- Zoning code revisions
- Annexations

## Discretionary permits

- Pre-application neighborhood meeting
- Notice of permit hearing
- Preparation of written comments prior to hearing
- Public hearing comment

# Important, but complicated participatory opportunities

- Development agreements
- Planned unit developments
- Community benefits agreements

# Housing policy is often embedded in federal and state decisionmaking

- FHA “affirmatively further” mandate / AFFH Rule implementation
- LIHTC allocations (*Inclusive Communities*)
- Eviction policies (federal / state / local)
- State preemption of local decisionmaking (Oregon)

# Coronavirus changes / BLM movement necessary changes

- How has the online environment of public meetings changed participation?
  - Developers
  - Local decisionmakers
  - Staff
  - Typically-engaged communities
  - Less-engaged communities
- Are there lessons learned that should be implemented in changes to public meeting statutes and ordinances?
- Thinking through the process, what needs to change to address concerns of the Black Lives Matter movement? Are new processes needed, or just better application of existing processes?

Thank you!