

## Jennifer Gray

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**From:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:59 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Gray  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable housing need

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**From:** Steve Wheeler  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Subject:** FW: Affordable housing need

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**From:** Paul Blackburn  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** Jessica Goe  
**Cc:** #Council  
**Subject:** RE: Affordable housing need

Thank you Jessica for contacting us. I am looping in all City Councilors here.

Paul Blackburn  
Mayor of Hood River

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**From:** Jessica Goe [jessica.goe@mccfl.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** Paul Blackburn  
**Subject:** Affordable housing need

Hello Mr. Blackburn,

My name is Jessica Goe. I am the Substance Use Disorder Housing Specialist at Mid-Columbia Center for Living. We met yesterday at the housing meeting in The Dalles. As the SUD Housing Specialist, I assist clients enrolled in SUD treatment at MCCFL find and secure housing in both Hood River and The Dalles. I also manage a drug and alcohol free transitional housing apartment complex in The Dalles.

I have been employed at the SUD Housing Specialist for almost two years. I have worked with hundreds of men and women looking for affordable housing in both Hood River and Wasco Co. The need to help the population I serve and others with affordable housing is so extreme. Even with public assistance through the Housing Authority with a housing choice voucher, people are unable to live in this area because it is too expensive. The rent limits far exceed the limits that the Housing Authority has.

Adding more affordable housing in Hood River where the Morrison Park is would benefit so many families in Hood River. My clients have lost hope for finding a place to live in HR. It is extremely difficult to maintain sobriety when you're living on the street or couch surfing with friends that probably aren't sober. There are no transitional housing resources in Hood River at this time. The warming shelter is only open certain times of the year and that is not a long term solution for families.

I ask that you please vote to rezone lot 700 so affordable housing can be built. Yes, trees are important. But what message are we sending homeless families in our town that trees are more important than the lives of the men, women and children that live here? A child may have to sleep on the floor, or couch of a family member's house or live in foster care because their parent is struggling to afford a home for them to be returned to. More times than I can count, mothers have been approved to have their children returned home to them once they find housing. That is like a death sentence to a mother. It seems impossible for a working mother with one income to afford housing here without affordable apartments like what should go in at Morrison Park. There are a few apartments already in HR but the waitlist is 2-5 years at each place. Don't these numbers show us that there is a need???

Please do the right thing for the people in this town and vote to rezone lot 700 for affordable housing. The people need this.

Thank you,

*Jessica Goe*

**SUD Housing Specialist**

**Mid-Columbia Center for Living**

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**My voicemail: ext. 5114**

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**From:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 11:00 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Gray  
**Subject:** FW: GREAT NEED for affordable housing in HR

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**From:** Steve Wheeler  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 20, 2017 3:24 PM  
**To:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Subject:** FW: GREAT NEED for affordable housing in HR

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**From:** Paul Blackburn  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** Ethel Marquez  
**Cc:** #Council  
**Subject:** RE: GREAT NEED for affordable housing in HR

Thanks Ethel for commenting. I'm looping in City Council here

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Mayor of Hood River

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**From:** Ethel Marquez [ethel.marquez@mccfl.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** Paul Blackburn  
**Subject:** GREAT NEED for affordable housing in HR

Mayor Blackburn,

Thank you for taking the time to allow us to respond about affordable housing in HR. I have four children. Three adult children and one minor child. Two of my adult children cannot find affordable housing in HR. One of my children are a victim of Domestic Violence and would like to move back to HR to be closer to family but is having a very difficult time finding any affordable housing anywhere. Another one is unable to leave the nest as there is no where affordable to rent for a single person with a single income. I am grateful for my landlord who has kept my rent reasonable over the years. Other child is afraid to move as there are no places to move into that are reasonable. She has even considered buying but cannot afford anything in HR county. Please help our community with some affordable housing...

Thank you,

Ethel Marquez

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**From:** Paul Blackburn  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:39 PM  
**To:** Angie Millard  
**Cc:** #Council  
**Subject:** RE: Affordable Housing

Thanks Angie for commenting. I'm looping in City Council here.

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Mayor of Hood River

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**From:** Angie Millard [angie.millard@mccfl.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Paul Blackburn  
**Subject:** Affordable Housing

Paul: I would encourage you to increase the affordable housing for Hood River County.

I have personal experience both personally, and professionally on the effects of no housing available.

I saw many of our clients out in the very cold winter struggling to survive our harsh winter. My heart aches for these people, and it also scares me that if anything ever happened to me (employment etc) I might end up right along side them.

I now have two adult children, and grandchildren living with me as one is a bus driver, and cannot afford housing here, and the other one with two children, and pregnant with her third just recently escaped an abuse relationship. I sleep on my living room couch so the family can all have the own rooms/beds while they wait for an apartment to become available (long waiting list). This is not an unusual situation for Hood River these days..... I here of many family's living with multiple generations under one roof, as there is no where for them to go, unless they move away.

Change and growth is good, but not when we hurt all those born and raised here. Our population keeps growing, our real estate cost is out of control, and our employment opportunities are minimal, and wages are not comparable to the cost of living.

After 40 plus years of residing in Hood River I am currently looking to re-locate to The Dalles, or another city to purchase affordable housing like many of my friends, neighbors, and associates move to near, and far away cities. We are chasing all the local people out, because they can't afford to live here.

The housing issue must be addressed before we try to attract more tourists/business class residents.

Thank you for your time, and consideration.

Regards,

Angie Millard

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**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 11:00 AM  
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**From:** Steve Wheeler  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:53 PM  
**To:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Subject:** FW: Housing

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**From:** Paul Blackburn  
**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2017 6:38 PM  
**To:** Ludi Quintanilla  
**Cc:** #Council  
**Subject:** RE: Housing

Thank you Ludi for contacting us. I am looping City Council in on your comments.

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Mayor of Hood River

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**From:** Ludi Quintanilla [ludi.quintanilla@mccfl.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** Paul Blackburn  
**Subject:** Housing

Good afternoon Mr. Blackburn,



I am a single mom. Fortunately my children are adults, still I worry if they will be able to afford housing. I rent therefore I have nothing for them to inherit. My oldest son lives with me, and my youngest son lives with his dad. This living situation is more and more common with the housing prices around this area. I worry about my housing issues as I get older, I wish I could afford housing for myself. Someone's idea of affordable housing can be different from person to person, it all depends on how much money you have. People that are moving to this area have made that choice. However, some of us that call this area home, so there is no other choice. I hope you are able to make a difference. Thank you.

Respectfully

Ludy Quintanilla

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**From:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 12:07 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Gray  
**Subject:** FW: Please save our park.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Aaron Sales [<mailto:airnsails@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 5:21 PM  
**To:** Cindy Walbridge  
**Subject:** Please save our park.

Hi Cindy,

My entire family uses the frisbee golf park several times a week. I live here for the parks and recreation. Please preserve this great park.

Thanks

Aaron Sales  
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