

Dear Board of Commissioners,

We were dismayed to read the [Pamplin article](#) published on March 30, 2022 and watch [video](#) from the Policy Session from March 29, 2022 about the Commissioners' discussion and subsequent vote to withdraw Clackamas County's association in the initiatives of ReImagine Oregon. We represent residents in Clackamas County who have traditionally been marginalized due to systemic inequity and the goals outlined by ReImagine Oregon bring to light institutional issues around health, community safety, employment, education, and transportation needs that historically have not been addressed for minority groups. It is important accurate information is reflected on a public platform such as the [ReImagine Oregon webpage](#), however,

Instead of engaging in the difficult process of learning and listening in order to use collective power to make change at the state and county level, the commissioners chose to leave. We find this decision an unacceptable choice that does not represent a great many of Clackamas County residents. There did seem to be general agreement among the Commissioners around the majority of the divestments and investments that ReImagine Oregon represents and therefore we would encourage that the Board of Commissioners continue to fully participate in the meetings in order to accurately represent and address the needs of all of the residents of Clackamas County.

Sincerely,

Clackamas County Equity Coalition