### Speaker Bios

**Gordon Howard** has been with DLCD since 2012, when he became the department’s urban planning specialist. In 2017 he became the Community Services Division Manager with the Department, supervising regional representatives and the department’s urban and rural specialists. His prior Oregon planning experience, dating from 1993, has been with the City of West Linn and Multnomah County. He is also a member of the Oregon State Bar, having worked as an attorney with the City of West Linn and the Oregon State Legislature before joining DLCD. Gordon has a Masters Degree in Planning from UCLA and is a graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland.

**Madeline Kovacs**, senior outreach associate, helps connect Sightline’s housing and urbanism research and policy analysis with people who can help put them into practice. Prior to joining Sightline, Madeline coordinated the Portland for Everyone coalition for 1000 Friends of Oregon, and worked for small housing development company and general contractor Orange Splot LLC. Madeline views her work on efficient, sustainable cities as a logical next step, implementing lessons learned after a decade spent organizing and leading the international youth climate movement. She is particularly proud of her work helping found and co-directing Project Survival Media, a global youth journalism network, covering direct actions and producing online media to amplify under-represented voices at the 2009-2011 United Nations Climate Negotiations. Madeline has a BA in Political Science from Macalester College, and serves as the Board Chair for the Proud Ground Community Land Trust. Madeline works for Sightline out of Portland.

**Allan Lazo** is the Executive Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon, an organization with the mission to end housing discrimination in Oregon through access to education, advocacy, and enforcement. He has been a long-time community advocate for civil rights and social justice, especially in the areas of housing, homelessness, and racial equity. Allan currently serves on the City of Portland Housing Bureau’s Affordable Housing Bond Oversight Committee and is a long-time resident of Portland.

**Taylor Smiley Wolfe** is the Director of Policy and Planning for Home Forward, the largest provider of affordable housing in the state. Prior to joining Home Forward, Taylor was the Policy Director for Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek and played a major role in developing and helping to pass the first statewide anti-rent gouging and tenant protections legislation (SB608) and the first statewide legalization of middle housing (HB2001). Taylor holds a Master of Public Policy from the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Morgan Tracy**, a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, has been actively involved in Oregon land use planning in both long range planning projects and development review for the past 25 years. His previous work at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability includes developing Portland’s citywide tree policy, identifying development scenarios for the future high capacity transit line along Barbur Boulevard, and various other regulatory improvement projects for the City of Portland. Currently he is the staff project manager for Portland’s Residential Infill Project, which seeks to increase the range of available housing types while lowering housing costs in single dwelling neighborhoods.