## Community Based Priorities for the West Portland Town Center Plan

Priorities were identified in 2019 by UniteOregon, HAKI, and Community Alliance of Tenants through engagement with low-income renters, immigrants, and communities of color. They build from the 2018 Community Based Solutions.







## 1. Place keeping through residential stability, health, and ownership

- Nonprofit housing organizations should proactively buy apartments near Islamic Center of Portland- Masjed As-Saber.
- Rent stability. Freeze rents for a period of time.
- Incentives landlords to make their apartments affordable.
- Ownership. Give renters the right to purchase their own buildings and the resources to do so.
- **Healthy homes.** Ensure renovations occur without passing the bill on to tenants which leads to displacement (use fees and incentives for landlords).

## 2. Mobility, access, and safety

- Transit. Fund more bus lines with greater frequency, free/reduced fares, and less policing.
- Walkability and transit access. Construct more foot bridges across I-5. Move bus stops to be further from the street. Place more bus stops closer to apartments near mosque. Install a lit overhead pedestrian signal at Alfred.

## 3. Cultural anchors and economic opportunity

- Culturally specific businesses. Provide resources to support existing businesses (ex. halal grocery) and develop a new multi-cultural marketplace for new businesses.
- Multi-cultural services and gathering place. Develop a multi-cultural center with event space, computer lab, and support to apply for jobs, learn English and teach working skills for everyone (with an emphasis on skill building for women).
- New affordable housing built all along the corridor. Construct a building in the West Portland where refugees and asylees can live for one year for free.