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# Helping Black Families and Individuals

**CONTINUED FROM FRONT** Abbey, an existing nonprofit arts center that will serve as an extension of the three housing communities and a space for residents to gather for events. The mission of Alberta Alive is to celebrate and strengthen Portland's historic Black North/Northeast neighborhoods with affordable housing, supportive services and a shared community for underserved individuals and families.

In his comments at the event, Tony Hopson, Sr., president and CEO of SEI shared, "I grew up in this area. I went to Beach Elementary and my mother still owns the house at Humboldt and Mississippi. I remember when I-5 went in and I could no longer walk down Humboldt to get to school. So when I think about what used to be here and the people who used to be here – who are no longer here – to have the opportunity to be a part of partnerships like the one we have with CDP, that are helping to provide low income housing for some of those folks, so they can have a pathway back – it is just really, really important and meaningful."

With new and affordable rental housing for households earning 60% or less of the area median income, 5020 N. Interstate will help fill Portland's critical need for housing — most acute among low-income residents. But SEI and CDP have bigger aspirations: Through an innovative blend of design and on-site services, 5020 N. Interstate aims to support Black families, strengthen community connections and expand economic opportunity.

"We greatly admire the work that SEI does here in the community, and we're grateful to them for taking a leap of faith to partner with us as co-owner and co-developer, enabling the vision of what we hoped to bring to this community to come to life," said Eric Paine, CEO of CDP. "SEI's connection to this community is distinct and it's deep. Our work that we're doing together is only extending their reach."

5020 N. Interstate is a key part of a larger collaboration between SEI and CDP that will be taking shape over the next couple of years. Called "Alberta Alive," the initiative encompasses 5020 N. Interstate and two additional SEI-CDP projects on Alberta — 506 NE Alberta and 4957 NE 8th Avenue, both set to open by mid-2023 — as well as Alberta


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5020 N. Interstate aligns with the City of Portland's North/Northeast Preference Policy, which seeks to counter the harm caused by decades of public and private disinvestment in the area and urban renewal practices that displaced many Black residents. Under the policy, current and former residents of this historic heart of Portland's African-American community, as well as people with generational ties to the area, are considered for new affordable housing opportunities before applicants without a history of living there. 5020 N. Interstate is funded by sources that include \$9.2 million from the Metro Regional Affordable Housing Bond approved by voters in 2018, \$14.7 million in Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credits, and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Grant funds from Metro.

"Metro is proud to support this project with affordable housing bond and transit-oriented development funds," said Councilor Mary Nolan, District 5, Metro. "SEI leads from the heart, and from the community. This development partnership with CDP continues their reputation for innovation and vision."

"5020 N. Interstate represents a manifestation of the collective care and commitment to ensuring our community's basic needs, such as housing, are met. The pursuit of improving quality of lives through affordable housing requires us to all acknowledge the unjust actions that created some of the very housing issues we face today," said OHCS Director Andrea Bell.

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Applications will be accepted online from any internet capable device at [www.homeforward.org](http://www.homeforward.org) beginning November 30 at 9:00 am. If you do not have internet service, please call us at 503-419-8050 for assistance. Phone assistance will be available Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

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