

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners  
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100  
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon  
Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Jules Bailey, Loretta Smith, and Judy Shiprack present.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

- C.1 Off Premises Sales and Limited on Premises Sales Liquor Licenses for Big Bear's Crown Point Market, 31815 E Historic Columbia River Highway Troutdale, OR 97060
- C.2 Off Premises Sales Liquor Licenses for Corbett Country Market, 36801 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Corbett, OR 97019
- C.3 Off Premises Sales Liquor Licenses for Cracker Barrel Grocery, 15005 NW Sauvie Island Rd. Portland, OR 97231
- C.4 Off Premises Sales Liquor Licenses for Fred's Marina, 12800 NW Marina Way Portland, OR 97231
- C.5 Full on Premises Sales, Off Premises and Limited on Premises Liquor Licenses for Historic Springdale Pub and Eatery, 32302 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Corbett, OR 97019
- C.6 Full on Premises Sales Liquor License for Multnomah Falls Lodge, S/S Scenic Hwy & Columbia Gorge Bridal Veil, OR 97010
- C.7 Off Premises Sales Liquor License for Orient Country Store, 29822 SE Orient Drive Gresham, OR 97080
- C.8 Off Premises Sales Liquor License for Plainview Grocery & Auto Parts, 11800 NW Cornelius Pass Rd. Portland, OR 97231
- C.9 Full on Premises Sales Liquor License for Pleasant Home Saloon, 31637 SE Dodge Park Blvd. Gresham, OR 97029
- C.10 Off Premises Sales Liquor License for Pleasant Valley Market, 16880 SE Foster Rd. Portland, OR 97080
- C.11 Full on Premises Sales Liquor License for Riverview Restaurant, 29311 SE Stark Street Troutdale, OR 97059
- C.12 Off Premises Sales Liquor License for Rocky Pointe Marina, 23586 NW St. Helens Hwy. Portland, OR 97232
- C.13 Off Premises Liquor License for Weece's Market, 7310 SE Pleasant Home Rd. Gresham, OR 97080

- C.14 Limited on Premises Liquor License for Wild Wood Golf Course, 21881 NW St. Helens Rd. Portland, OR 97229
- C.15 Off Premises Liquor License for 76 Gas and Convenience, 28210 SE Orient Drive Gresham, OR 97080
- C.16 Approval of Auto Wrecker Certificate Renewal for Frank Miller of Miller Truck Salvage LLC, 15015 NW Mill Road, Portland, Oregon
- C.17 Approval of Auto Wrecker Certificate Renewal for Harold Milne and Carl Milne of Loop Hi-Way Towing, 28609 SE Orient Dr, Gresham, Oregon
- C.18 Appointment of David R. Lofland to the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) for 2 Years

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE THURSDAY REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, THE CONSENT CALENDAR ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE A VERY PACKED SCHEDULE, AND IN ORDER TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE FOR THE COURTHOUSE ITEM, WHICH IS R.2, and WE'RE GOING TO TAKE SOME ITEMS OUT OF ORDER. SO FIRST WE'RE GOING TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA MATTERS. AND THEN WITHOUT PUBLIC TESTIMONY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BRIEFING ON R.1, WE'LL BE FOLLOWED BY R.3 AND 4, RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF LIBRARY ASSETS. AND THEN WE WILL HAVE R.2. PLEASE BE PATIENT, WE HAVE A LOT OF FOLKS HERE AND A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TESTIFY.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, WE DO. WE HAVE THREE SIGNED UP.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation.**

Board Clerk: IF YOU'LL COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME? I'M SORRY, WE HAVE FOUR.

Chair Kafoury: DURING THIS PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS, WHEN THE BUZZER GOES OFF, WE NEED TO END IT SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE HERE TODAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE YOUR COMING TO TESTIFY.

Mr. Phillips: YES. I'M PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK, AND THIS IS THE SAME SUBJECT, BASICALLY. I'LL READ THIS. THIS IS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY, AND IT SAYS THIS LETTER WAS DATED DECEMBER 9th. YOU ASKED THAT WE STOP YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE. THIS COVERAGE ENDS THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014. THIS IS PAGE 3. I'VE GOT IT NUMBERED AS PAGE 3. POSTGAME NUMBER 1 HAS A COPY OF MY MEDICARE CARD THAT THEY SENT TO ME. AND IT SAYS ONLY PART A. WELL, OF COURSE IF YOU REMEMBER ME JUST READING THIS PREVIOUS PAGE, PAGE 3, IT SAYS THAT IT WOULD END DECEMBER 13th, WHICH ISN'T WHAT I'VE AGREED TO. AND I CALLED MEDICARE TWICE THIS WEEK, ONCE TO THE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL, AND THEN TO YAMHILL YESTERDAY, AND SURPRISINGLY, THEY CLOSE AT 12:00 ON WEDNESDAYS. THEY'RE ONLY OPEN FOR THREE HOURS FROM 9:00 TO 12:00. I WAS SURPRISED, AND THEIR REGULAR HOURS ARE ONLY SIX HOURS FOR THE OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK. SO THEY ONLY GET EMPLOYED 27 HOURS OUT OF THE WEEK AND YET THE NEWS AND THE GOVERNMENT SAYS THE ECONOMY IS BOOMING. WELL, THAT'S ONLY PART-TIME WAGES FOR THOSE PEOPLE. IT ISN'T GAINFUL FULL EMPLOYMENT AT ALL. FOR A FEDERAL OFFICE. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING. MEDICARE HAS CHEATED ME OUT OF \$209.90, AND I INTEND ON GOING FROM THIS MEETING TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE AT YAMHILL, AND I WAS TOLD BY THE FEDERAL EXTENSION OFFICE OF SOCIAL SECURITY THAT I COULDN'T EVEN APPLY FOR AN APPEAL PROCESS OF THAT \$209.90. THAT'S BULL CROCK. AND SO I'LL BE HANDING IN THESE PAPERS TODAY WITH THAT. THESE ARE FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE. AND YOU MUST THINK THAT I LIKE BEING ATTACKED SEVEN TIMES BY THE SAME DOG, MY SERVICE ANIMAL OF COURSE IS DEAD, AND I'M NOT CARRYING A WHITE CANE BECAUSE MY WALKER HAD BROKE THE LAST TIME, AND IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO JUST HOLD ON TO THIS THING TO WALK WITH. TO GET AROUND. I BROKE MY HIP AND TWO FRACTURES TO MY SPINAL CORD, AND ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE, THEY TALK EVERY WEEK, BASICALLY, AND NOBODY CAN SAY THAT THEY'RE CELIBATE HERE WITH ALL THE COMMOTION THAT'S GOING ON. THERE'S NEVER ANY RESULT TO ANYTHING THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING WITH THE LIGHTNING HUMANITARIAN PDX. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS I HAVE A CONCERN WITH IN NORTHWEST PORTLAND IS THEY'RE GOING TO GET READY TO DEMOLISH A BUILDING OVER BY GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL. ONE OF THE DEVELOPERS

WANTS TO BUILD AN 80-PLUS UNIT THERE WITH UNDERGROUND PARKING. A LOT OF THE NEIGHBORS ACTUALLY ARE SHOWING A LOT OF RESISTANCE TO THAT BECAUSE ONE OF THE PREVIOUS OWNERS THAT OWNED THE BUILDING MANY YEARS AGO, THEY WANT TO KIND OF DEDICATE THAT BUILDING AND MAINTAIN IT. BUT IT'S BEEN SITTING EMPTY, AND I FEEL its ECONOMIC USE IS NO LONGER THERE NOW. GOING OVER THE PROJECT, I THINK WE NEED TO START LOOKING AT THESE PROJECTS IN, DO WE NEED HOUSING, NUMBER ONE, WHICH IN THAT AREA THEY DO. THERE'S SOME PEOPLE CLAIMING THAT AT 3-4% VACANCY FACTOR THEY HAVE A SURPLUS OF INVENTORY OVER THERE, WHICH I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH THEM ON THAT. NOW, ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THAT THEY'RE SAYING MAYBE THE BEST USE WOULD BE OFFICE, IT USED TO BE A HOSPITAL MANY YEARS AGO, A SINGLE USE PROPERTY. NOW, AGAIN, I DISAGREE WITH THEM ON THAT AGAIN, BECAUSE EVEN AROUND THE BUILDING CURRENTLY THERE'S ACTUALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THAT AREA THAT NEED HOUSING. SO IF THE NEIGHBORS WHO DON'T WANT THIS BUILDING DEMOLISHED IN A NICE 80-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING BUILT THERE, WHICH I THINK IS A PUBLIC BENEFIT, THEY'LL ALSO HAVE SUBSIDIZED UNITS BASICALLY IN THE PROPERTY, BUT IF THEY FEEL THIS IS SURPLUS OF UNITS OVER THERE, THEN WHY DO WE HAVE HOMELESS PEOPLE SCATTERED OUT ALONG THE SIDEWALKS? AND PEOPLE NEED TO REALLY START TO THINK ABOUT THAT. IF YOU WANT TO SAY WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF UNITS IN NORTHWEST PORTLAND TO PREVENT A BUILDING FROM BEING DEMOLISHED THAT CAN PROVIDE 80 UNITS, WHICH WILL BE LARGER UNITS, BUT THAT ALSO TAKES -- CREATES THE ABILITY THAT SOME PEOPLE THAT MIGHT HAVE COME INTO TOWN AND STAYING IN A SMALLER UNIT MIGHT UPGRADE TO THAT LARGER UNIT AND OPENS UNITS UP FOR OTHER PEOPLE, HOW CAN YOU SAY WE HAVE A SURPLUS WHEN YOU HAVE PEOPLE SCATTERED OUT THROUGH THE SIDEWALKS AND EVEN BY THIS BUILDING THAT THE DEVELOPER WANTS TO HAVE DEMOLISHED? IF WE HAVE A SURPLUS, WHY AREN'T THOSE PEOPLE INTO THE HOUSING UNITS? WHY CAN'T WE GET THEM INTO HOUSING? THAT WHAT I'M LOOKING AT, WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND IF WE HAVE PEOPLE OUTSIDE ON THE SIDEWALKS, WE NEED HOUSING. IF YOU CAN TELL ME THAT THERE'S ANY OTHER REASON WHY WE DON'T NEED TO DEVELOP OTHER HOUSING IF WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE SIDEWALKS, PLEASE TELL ME THAT, BECAUSE I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT. THERE HAS TO BE AMPLE HOUSING UNITS TO GET PEOPLE PUT INTO DEVELOPERS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO BUILD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS PROJECT GO FORWARD. I'D LIKE TO SEE IT APPROVED, THE BUILDING CURRENTLY THERE TO BE DEMOLISHED, AND I THINK WE NEED MORE UNITS OUT, THERE MORE DEVELOPERS BUILDING AND AGAIN, IF YOU WANT TO TELL ME WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF UNITS, LET'S NOT HAVE ANY HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE SIDEWALKS. LET'S DECREASE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS THROUGH THE CITY, OTHER THAN THAT WE NEED TO KEEP THE DEVELOPERS BUILDING, AND WE NEED TO BALANCE OUT THE MARKET AND BEGIN TO DECREASE CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS THROUGH PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY,

AND WE HAVE TO LOOSEN UP A LITTLE BIT ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION, DON'T DEMOLISH PROPERTIES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Lightning: THANK YOU. I KNOW HAVE YOU A BUSY SCHEDULE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. WHO'S NEXT?

Mr. Walsh: MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I REALLY CAME HERE THIS MORNING TO WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY. THAT WAS MY INTENT. UNFORTUNATELY, LIFE GETS IN THE WAY OF LIVING SOMETIMES AND I RECEIVED AN EMAIL LAST NIGHT THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON, PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE CONTINUED THE SWEEPS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. AND THE SWEEPS AS WE EXPLAINED TO YOU OVER AND OVER AD NAUSEAM, IS THAT A BUNCH OF COPS STEAL STUFF FROM THE HOMELESS. AND THAT'S WHAT THEY DO. THEY SWEEP THESE CAMPSITES THAT PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO SURVIVE, WE HAVE OVERFLOW WARMING CENTERS, WE HAVE OVERFLOWING CENTERS THAT PEOPLE CAN GO TO WHEN IT GETS DOWN TO 20 DEGREES. INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE GOES OUT, AND WE HAND OUT HAND WARMERS, AND WE HAND OUT HATS, AND WE HAND OUT GLOVES, AND WE HAND OUT BLANKETS. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS DO THAT, AND THE COPS STEAL THEM! YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND -- AND THE FIVE OF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO UNDERSTAND THIS OR YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT UNTIL IT BECOMES SO VIOLENT THEN YOU HAVE TO ACT. THE POLICE DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCLUDING PORTLAND, ARE NOTHING BETTER THAN GANGS! CRUEL GANGS THAT ANSWER TO NO ONE! NOT A MAYOR, NOT A CHIEF OF POLICE, NO ONE! AND YOU HAVE TO GRAB THAT. MR. BAILEY, YOU USED A TERM LAST WEEK THAT REALLY EXCITED ME. YOU SAID WE ARE A SICK SOCIETY, AND YOU'RE RIGHT. WE ARE. INCLUDING JOE WALSH! INCLUDING DEBORAH KAFOURY! UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE DEALING WITH, YOU'LL NEVER CHANGE IT. YOU'LL SAY IT'S A FEW BAD APPLES. IT'S NOT. THE WHOLE DAMN BARREL IS ROTTEN TO THE CORE! AND WHEN THEY STEAL FROM THE LEAST AMONG US, WE'RE GETTING TIRED OF HANDING OUT STUFF THAT THE CONS STEAL! AND THEN PUT IT IN A PLACE THAT IS INACCESSIBLE TO THE HOMELESS. AND MY TIME IS JUST ABOUT UP, AND I'M REALLY WEARY ABOUT THIS STUFF. AND LET ME GO BACK TO MY ORIGINAL THING, BECAUSE I REALLY CAME HERE TO BE JOYOUS. BECAUSE I LOVE CHRISTMAS. I REALLY DO. THE STORY IS WONDERFUL, BUT SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M LIVING IN THE WHOLE CHRISTMAS CAROL STORY OF SCROOGE, AND THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY! SCROOGE IS THE PORTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT!

Chair Kafoury: HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ON THIS THIRD NIGHT OF HANUKKAH. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MR. WALSH WAS GOING TO SAY, BUT IT'S REALLY MAYBE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE'LL HEAR ALL DAY. RIGHT NOW WE'RE ALL HERE IN A VERITABLE QUANDARY ABOUT WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE NEW COURTHOUSE, BUT THAT'S REALLY NOT THE MOST PRESSING ISSUE THAT YOU ALL HAVE TO DEAL WITH. AS MR. WALSH ALLUDED TO, WE HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS. WE DON'T -- IT'S SO -- WE'RE SUCH A CALLUS SOCIETY. WE'RE GOING TO SAY LOVELY HOLIDAY THINGS ABOUT LITTLE STORIES ABOUT GOOD THINGS DONE FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE, BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO FACE THE FACT THAT THEY'LL STILL BE SLEEPING ON THE STREET DURING THE HOLIDAYS WHILE WE PUT ENERGY INTO PROTECTING A RESTAURANT. WHEN THE POLICE GO AROUND AND ABUSE AND HARASS PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOWHERE TO SLEEP WITH SIDEWALKS AND DOORWAYS AND STEAL THEIR BLANKETS AND PROPERTY, THAT'S GOVERNMENT BEING PATERNALISTIC. SOMETIMES YOU TALK ABOUT WORKING THROUGH EQUITY LENS, SO I GUESS IF WE'RE PATERNALISTIC WITH THE POOR, WE NEED TO DO IT WITH THE RICH AND YOU SHOULD JUST LOCK UP OUR RESTAURANT AND CLOSE OUR STREETS AND NOT LET US HAVE OUR THINGS BECAUSE WE REALLY DON'T PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS. I'M SURE THAT WON'T BE THE RESULT THAT HAPPENS HERE. WE'LL FIND A WAY TO FIND PRIVILEGED ECONOMIC SECURE PEOPLE WILL ADVOCATE FOR THEIR INTERESTS, AND WE'LL ADJUST TO SOMETHING ABOUT THE COURTHOUSE AND FIND A COMPROMISE. BUT WE DON'T ACTUALLY GET THAT FAIR RESOLUTION WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY. WOMEN WITH CHILDREN, SINGLE WOMEN SLEEPING IN DOORWAYS OUTDOORS, BECAUSE SOME GREEDY PEOPLE HAVE FOUND A WAY TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER THE COMMISSION THAT MEETS HERE AND THE COMMISSION THAT MEETS ACROSS THE STREET, SO INSTEAD OF BEING UNITED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS, SOME -- ONE SIDE OF THE RIVER DEALS WITH PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN, AND THE OTHER SIDE DEALS WITH SINGLE PEOPLE OR MOSTLY MEN, AND CREATES PLENTY OF SPACE FOR CONFUSING STORIES WHERE WE TURN OUT HUGE CROWDS TO TALK ABOUT A COURTHOUSE THAT'S EXPENSIVE AND COMPLICATED AND CO FINANCED BY THE STATE, BUT EQUAL ENERGY NEEDS TO GO INTO US, ALL OF US SITTING HERE FACING YOU, BEING BETTER PEOPLE, MAKING THE HOLIDAYS TRULY JOYOUS AND BEING GENEROUS ENOUGH TO BUILD A CITY WHERE EVERY PERSON THAT'S IN THE DOORWAY REGARDLESS OF HOW INTOXICATED THEY ARE, UNLESS THEY HAVE SERIOUS CRIMINAL VIOLENT ISSUES, CAN GO INSIDE TO A WARM SAFE DRY PLACE EVERY NIGHT, HAVE THEIR BELONGINGS STORED IN SOMETHING OTHER THAN A SHOPPING CART, AND HAVE ACCESS TO HYGIENE. AND I REALIZE THERE WILL BE POLITICAL PRESSURES ON YOU TO GET COURTHOUSE DONE, BUT I HOPE AS A

COMMUNITY, WE'VE ALL WORKED TOGETHER, ALL OF US WHO ARE TURNED OUT RIGHT NOW WILL NOT JUST FOCUS ON THE ISSUES COMING UP TODAY BUT ALSO THIS CRITICAL ISSUE OF RESPECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE IN ECONOMIC DISTRESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. ARE YOU HERE FOR PUBLIC --

Mr. Nadal: YES. I ALSO WANTED TO SAY I REALLY APPRECIATE THE COUNTY CONSIDERING --

Chair Kafoury: WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD?

Mr. Nadal: DAVE NADAL, PORTLAND, OREGON. I ALSO APPRECIATE THE COUNTY WITH VERITABLE QUANDARY, CONSIDERING BUILDING IT INTO THEIR BUILDING PLAN. I THOUGHT THAT WAS VERY NEIGHBORLY.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS THE TIME FOR NONAGENDA ITEMS. IF YOU WANT TO TALK --

Mr. Nadal: RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO --

Chair Kafoury: OK. THANK YOU.

Mr. Nadal: I'M HERE TO ASK FOR A WAIVER OF LAND USE FEES FOR -- TO DEVELOP A HOME ON MY PROPERTY THAT I'VE OWNED FOR 30 YEARS ON UPPER ROCK CREEK ROAD. I WENT THROUGH THIS WOULD BE A THING I'VE GONE THROUGH TWICE NOW, I GOT AN APPROVAL SIX YEARS AGO, AND IT'S A TEMPLATE TEST FOR A DWELLING, AND IT CLEARLY PASSES THAT, WHICH MEANS THERE'S ALREADY CERTAIN DENSITY OF HOUSING NEARBY. AND THAT WAS APPROVED, \$5,000 FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT PERMITS, ENVIRONMENTAL, SCENIC CONSERVATION AREA, AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND I'VE FOLLOWED IT FOR 30 YEARS, THE LAND USE LAWS AND WAS VERY CAREFUL TO ASK PLANNERS IF I DON'T FIND A SUITABLE BUYER, CAN I CONTINUE TO GET EXTENSIONS TO THE PERMIT? AND I WAS ALWAYS TOLD, YES. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER GARY CLIFFORD, AND I DON'T KNOW IF HE WAS ONE OF THE ONES, BUT HE KIND OF WAS THE LAND USE DEPARTMENT THAT DID ALL THE HARD WORK THERE FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. THREE YEARS AGO I HAD TO QUIT WORKING BECAUSE I HAD A SERIES OF HEART PROBLEMS THAT TOOK MY -- THE CAPACITY OF MY HEART DOWN TO WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE, 50 TO 60% DOWN TO 25%. THAT'S REALLY CRITICALLY LOW. AND I'LL -- I CAN DO THINGS GREAT FOR ABOUT TWO MINUTES, AND THEN I RUN OUT OF ENERGY. AND I'M TRYING TO REHABILITATE. SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WORK THE LAST THREE YEARS OR BUILD UP STORES OF MONEY TO DO ANOTHER 6,000 APPROXIMATE OF PERMIT FEES TO BUILD A VERY MODEST SIZE HOME ON THE PROPERTY. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT I RECENTLY DID TAKE UP THIS WHOLE LAST SIX

YEARS OF PERMITS IS THAT I WANT TO HAVE A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE PROPERTY WHICH WOULD TAKE THE -- WHAT IS BY FAR THE MOST VALUABLE ONE OF THE TWO ACRES, IT'S THE ACRE ON THE CREEK, AND PROHIBIT ANY DEVELOPMENT ON IT. IT'S EXTREMELY MAGICAL BY ANY CONSIDERATION, AND WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SPECIAL PROTECTION BY GOVERNMENT OR BY THE PRIVATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES, THREE RIVERS. BUT IT'S JUST TOO SMALL. THEY CAN'T ADMINISTER A ONE-ACRE PIECE. THE PLACE THAT WOULD BE BUILT ON IS ABOVE THE CREEK ALREADY BEEN SOMEWHAT CLEAR, AND WAY AWAY FROM THE MOST VALUED LAND. SO ANYWAY, MY REQUEST, THERE'S BEEN VERY FEW CHANGES TO CODE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. NANCY BENNETT. NANCY IS MY STAFF PERSON, SHE CAN TAKE YOU IN THE BACK ROOM AND HELP YOU WITH THIS ISSUE, SIR. SHE'LL TALK TO YOU. THANK YOU.

OK. THANK YOU.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### ***Recess as the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners and Convene as the Board of Health***

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE WILL BE RECESSING AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY -- THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENE AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH TO HEAR R.1.

**R.1 Briefing on Impact of Tobacco and Emerging Products on Communities of Color. Presenters: Alberto Moreno, Executive Director, Oregon Latino Health Coalition; Midge Purcell, Policy Director, Urban League of Portland; Kayse Jama, Executive Director, Center for Intercultural Organizing; and, Nafisa Fai, Program Manager, Upstream Public Health.**

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING PUBLIC TESTIMONY, BECAUSE THIS IS A BRIEFING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

Mr. Moreno: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. MY NAME IS ALBERTO MORENO, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE OREGON LATINO HEALTH COMMISSION, AND I CHAIR THE COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON. WITH ME THIS MORNING ARE MY GOOD FRIENDS, MIDGE PURCELL WITH THE URBAN LEAGUE OF PORTLAND, KAYSE JAMA AND MS. NAFISA FAI. TODAY WE'RE WORKING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE TOBACCO EPIDEMIC AMONG OUR YOUTH. TOBACCO IS A NATIONWIDE

PROBLEM AS YOU KNOW, EVERY STATE FACES ITS OWN UNIQUE CHALLENGES, AND OREGON IS NO EXCEPTION. IN FACT, OREGON CONTINUES TO PERSIST IN BEING THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH AND DISEASE IN OREGON, KILLING OVER 5,500 PEOPLE EACH YEAR, COSTING OREGONIANS BILLIONS A YEAR IN SMOKING-RELATED HEALTH CARE COSTS. NATIONALLY 42.7 ADULTS SMOKE CIGARETTES, COMPARED TO OREGON, WHERE 43% OF ADULTS SMOKE. 9.3% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SMOKE, THIS IS IN COMPARISON, FOR EXAMPLE, TO FLORIDA, WHERE THE RATE IS 7.5%.

Mr. Moreno: WHAT ARE OUR GOALS? OUR GOALS ARE QUITE SIMPLE TODAY. WE WANT TO HELP TO DEFINE THE PROBLEM FROM A SOCIAL JUSTICE PERSPECTIVE, WE WANT TO SHARE DATA FROM A TOBACCO RETAIL ASSESSMENT THAT WE CONDUCTED, AND WE WANT TO TALK WITH YOU THIS MORNING ABOUT THE AREAS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND FINALLY, WE HAVE A CALL TO ACTION THAT WE WANT TO ENGAGE YOU WITH. BUT I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU THIS MORNING THAT TOBACCO DOES NOT IMPACT EQUALLY BETWEEN THE POPULATION GROUPS AND WE KNOW THAT TOBACCO COMPANIES HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGETED OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. WE SEE THIS EVERY DAY. OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES ARE MOST AFFECTED, AND MOST TARGETED. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IN THREE OREGONIANS WHO MAKE LESS THAN \$15,000 PER YEAR SMOKE. THIS IS IN STARK COMPARISON TO ONE IN 10 OREGONIANS WHO MAKE MORE THAN \$50,000 PER YEAR. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT IF YOU ARE POOR, YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO SMOKE, LESS LIKELY TO QUIT, AND MORE LIKELY TO LOSE YOUR LIFE TO LUNG CANCER. MANY LOW-INCOME MEN AND WOMEN ADDICTED TO NICOTINE MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN BUYING CIGARETTES AND PURCHASING FAMILY NECESSITIES. AND CHILDREN IN TURN ARE MORE LIKELY TO GROW UP TO BE SMOKERS BECAUSE THEY SEE THEIR PARENTS SMOKE. THREE A SMOKING PARENT IN FACT IS A WALKING BILLBOARD FOR THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND WHILE MANY YOUTH TRY SMOKING FOR OTHER REASONS, PEER PRESSURE, REBELLIOUSNESS AND FOR THE THRILL OF TRYING SOMETHING NEW AND DANGEROUS, TOBACCO STILL FINDS ITS WAY INTO THE HOMES OF THE POOR. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL IS HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH SMOKING. 31% WITH ONLY 9 TO 11 YEARS OF EDUCATION SMOKE. THAT'S IN COMPARISON TO THE 7.6% OF WHO SMOKE AND HAVE UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES. CLEARLY A DISPARITY. AS FOR RACE AND ETHNICITY, 35% OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND 33.3% AFRICAN-AMERICANS SMOKE IN COMPARISON TO 21% OF WHITES. I AGREE, WE AGREE THAT TOBACCO USE IS NOT AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY KILLER. AND THE LINK BETWEEN SMOKING AND RACE AND ETHNICITY, LOW-INCOME, AND LOWER LEVELS OF EDUCATION CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. NOT ON THIS MORNING, NOT ON ANY DAY. IN 2012, 18% OF GIRLS AND WOMEN WHO HAD 9 TO 11 YEARS OF EDUCATION SMOKED DURING PREGNANCY COMPARED TO 2% OF GIRLS AND WOMEN OF COLLEGE EDUCATION. SECONDHAND SMOKE

IS ALSO A MAJOR SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SECONDHAND SMOKE KILLS AN ESTIMATED 650 OREGONIANS EACH AND EVERY YEAR. IN ADDITION TO THE HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE, SMOKING IN THE HOME OR IN THE PUBLIC LOCATIONS CAN NORMALIZE SMOKING BEHAVIOR FOR YOUTH. 91% OF OREGON ADULTS REPORT NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SMOKE INSIDE THE HOME. BUT MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER OF EIGHTH AND 11th GRADE NONSMOKING STUDENTS LIVE WITH SOMEONE WHO SMOKES. THIS ISSUE IS DEAR TO OUR COMMUNITIES. IT AFFECTS US DISPROPORTIONATELY. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE RARE PLACES WHERE THE INDUSTRY KNOWS HOW TO FIND US, KNOWS HOW TO TARGET, KNOWS HOW TO ADVERTISE TO US IN WAYS THAT ARE DISPROPORTIONATE AND DO NOT BUILD OUR COMMUNITY. WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TODAY IN MAKING SURE THAT THIS DOES NOT CONTINUE. I WANT TO NOW TURN IT OVER TO MY DEAR FRIEND MIDGE PURCELL. I TAKE THAT BACK. NAFISA.

Ms. Fai: GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO GO OVER WITH YOU AN ASSESSMENT THAT WAS CONDUCTED WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT WE WERE PARTNERS WITH, AND I WILL BE BRIEF. AND THAT WILL NOT DO JUSTICE TO THE WORK THAT WE DID OVER THE SUMMER, THE HOTTEST DAYS OF SUMMER, AND GO OVER. SO I THINK I WANT TO SAY AND MAKE SPACE THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL COME BACK TO THIS BOARD AND DO A FULL PRESENTATION AND PRESENT AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT THESE DATA REALLY MEAN, BECAUSE I THINK THE POWER IS IN INTERPRETATION. BUT BRIEFLY TODAY, I WANT TO SAY TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT THIS WORK IS, AND HOW PREVALENT THIS PROBLEM IS TO -- ESPECIALLY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE WANTED TO REALLY LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF IT, AND WE HAVE DONE ASSESSMENT OVER THE SUMMER AND WE -- IT'S BAFFLING THAT I WILL SAY THIS, I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE HEARD IT MANY TIMES, IT IS BAFFLING THAT WE DON'T REALLY KNOW WHO IS SELLING TOBACCO IN OREGON IN GENERAL. SO WITH THAT RECOGNITION, THERE WAS A 528 -- 6 -- OVER 600 THAT WERE IDENTIFIED BY MANY DIFFERENT MEANS, BUT WE RANDOMLY SELECTED TO ASSESS 528 RETAILERS, AND WE SUCCESSFULLY SURVEYED 411. AND WHAT WE UNDERSTAND, I DON'T THINK IN TWO MINUTES WE CAN GO OVER, BUT BRIEFLY, 89% OF THE RETAILERS WE ASSESSED WERE LOCATED IN PORTLAND, OREGON. AND 31% OF THEM WERE IN GRESHAM, 2% WERE IN TROUTDALE, AND THREE AND THREE WERE BOTH IN FAIRVIEW AND WOOD VILLAGE. AND OVER THE 411 STORES THAT WE ASSESSED, THE LOCALLY OWNED AND THE FRANCHISE WERE EVENLY ALMOST. 48% WERE LOCALLY OWNED, 50% WERE FRANCHISED. SO WE BRING THIS ATTENTION TO YOU -- WE BRING THIS TO YOU TO SAY THAT WHATEVER POLICY WE CONSIDER, WE ALSO NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE ECONOMIC DISADVANTAGES TO LOCALLY OWNED. AND WHAT WE ALSO LEARNED WAS 52% -- 53% HAD ADVERTISEMENT. SO THESE WERE NOT JUST STORES THAT WERE SELLING TOBACCO, BUT THE IMPACT OF ADVERTISEMENT WERE

PRETTY RELEVANT. AND 77% OF THEM ALMOST ACCEPTED SNAP, WHICH IS FOOD STAMPS. SO THAT TELLS YOU THAT ECONOMIC LAYOUT FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE WANTED TO SHOW YOU THIS SLIDE BECAUSE THIS DEPICTS THE SOURCE WE ASSESSED. IT'S NOT SURPRISING, RIGHT, LOCATIONS THAT SELL BEER AND WINE, YOUTH WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET IN. THAT WASN'T SHOCKING. WHAT RESEARCH PROVED ALSO OUR DATA PROVED THAT MANY OF THE STORES THAT WE ASSESSED WERE CONVENIENT, AND THIS IS WHERE THEY ACCESS THEIR TOBACCO. AND THIS SLIDE REALLY IS TO SHOW YOU GUYS THAT THIS PROBLEM IS NOT CONCENTRATED IN ONE LOCATION THAT -- AND WE WANTED TO SHOW YOU AND LAY OUT THE CONCENTRATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT EXIST IN THESE STORES THAT WE ASSESSED. 96% OF THEM, THE RETAIL -- THESE ARE THE TYPES, I DON'T THINK WE HAVE TIME TO GO OVER ALL OF THEM, BUT SOME OF THE AVERAGE, THE AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL THESE PRODUCTS WERE \$6, WHICH IS PRETTY CHEAP, I THINK ANY YOUNG PERSON CAN GET A HOLD OF \$7 AND BE ABLE TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE PRODUCTS. AND OF COURSE THE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES -- WHAT WE ALSO LEARNED, 62% OF THESE RETAILERS HAD A PRICE DISCOUNT, AND WE KNOW THAT THE TOBACCO COMPANIES ACTUALLY -- 95 -- OVER 90% OF THEIR MARKETING DOLLARS ACTUALLY GO TO POINT OF SALE. I THINK I'LL TURN IT TO MIDGE.

Ms. Purcell: MY JOB TODAY IS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT. I THINK THAT MY COLLEAGUES OUTLINED THE PROBLEMS FAIRLY SUFFICIENTLY. SO WE'RE HERE TO MAKE SOME BRIEF -- TO BRIEFLY OUTLINE POLICY OPTIONS. OREGON IS MADE -- HAS MADE SOME INROADS IN TERMS OF POLICIES TO REDUCE TOBACCO USE, AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS DONE. THEY HAVE HAD A REALLY ROBUST TOBACCO PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR YEARS. AND THEY HAVE MADE SOME GOOD PROGRESS. BUT WE BELIEVE THAT MORE CAN BE DONE. ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF YOUTH PREVENTION. AND THAT'S REALLY WHY WE'RE HERE TO FOCUS ON HOW WE CAN GET TOBACCO PRODUCTS OUT OF THE HANDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. SO THE FIRST PROPOSAL WE HAVE IS AROUND RETAIL LICENSING. WE CAN ENSURE THAT BUSINESSES DO NOT SELL TO CHILDREN BY REQUIRING BUSINESSES TO HAVE A LICENSED TO SELL TOBACCO. A RELATIVELY SMALL LICENSING FEE PAYS FOR EDUCATION TO RETAILERS AND ALSO WILL PAY FOR ENFORCEMENT. AND THIS IS AN OPTION THAT MANY OTHER STATES AND MANY OTHER MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ADOPTED IN TERMS OF TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING. SO WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IT, BUT WE ALSO, AS NAFISA SAID, WHEN WE DID OUR ASSESSMENT, WE FOUND TOBACCO RETAILERS WERE SMALL BUSINESSES AND MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES. SO IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE ADVERSE IMPACTS FOR THESE BUSINESSES, WE'RE PROPOSING A SLIDING SCALE. AND I KNOW THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS WITH IMPLEMENTING A SLIDING SCALE, BUT WE DO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IT. BECAUSE WE WANT TO USE THIS AS A TOOL TO REDUCE TOBACCO SALES, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO AVOID ADVERSE IMPACT

ON VERY FRAGILE BUSINESSES. THE OTHER PROPOSAL IS SET IN AGE RESTRICTION FOR E-CIGARETTES TO THE AGE OF 18. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT E-CIGARETTES ARE OFTEN THE FIRST NICOTINE PRODUCT USED BY YOUTH WHO THEN GO ON TO SMOKE CIGARETTES. IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUTH ARE PROTECTED FROM ADDICTIVE PRODUCTS LIKE NICOTINE AND HASH OILS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO SET AN AGE LIMIT ON CIGARETTES, AND ON ANY LIQUIDS THAT CONTAIN NICOTINE. SO THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND SETTING THE AGE LIMIT FOR E-CIGARETTES AND E-LIQUIDS AT 18 YEARS. AND WE BELIEVE THE DEFINITION FOR E-CIGARETTES AND E-LIQUIDS SHOULD MATCH THE DEFINITION IN THE STATE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE THAT'S CURRENTLY LOOKING AT RECOMMENDATIONS AROUND E-CIGARETTE REGULATIONS. AND JUST TO SHOW HOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO TARGET POLICIES THAT FOCUS ON YOUTH, OUR RESEARCH SHOWS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN 2013, AMONG EIGHTH AND 11th GRADERS WHO DON'T REGULARLY SMOKE, THOSE WHO USED E-CIGARETTES WERE NEARLY THREE TIMES AS LIKELY TO GO ON TO SMOKE REGULAR CIGARETTES. SO YOU KNOW, WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE NEED TO FOCUS ON. AND ALSO IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY MORE THAN HALF, 55.1% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PERCEIVED E-CIGARETTES AS HARM -- AS LESS HARMFUL THAN OTHER CIGARETTES. THAN REGULAR CIGARETTES. SO THERE'S ALSO A PROBLEM OF MISCONCEPTION AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE. THE THIRD POLICY OPTION WE'RE PROPOSING IS TO UPDATE THE INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT. IT'S IMPORTANT TO CREATE AS MANY SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS AS POSSIBLE BY UPDATING THE CLEAN AIR ACT TO INCLUDE E-CIGARETTES IN THE LAWS. IT CURRENTLY DOES NOT. THE FOURTH POLICY OPTION IS THAT NO NEW TOBACCO RETAILERS SHOULD BE WITHIN A THOUSAND FEET OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

Ms. Purcell: THIS TO US SEEMS -- I WAS GOING TO SAY A NO-BRAINER, BUT AT LEAST AN OPPORTUNITY. SO WE RECOMMEND THAT UPON SALE OF BUSINESSES, NO NEW TOBACCO LICENSE MUST -- MIGHT BE ISSUED TO THE NEW OWNER. THUS PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TOBACCO BY THIS NEW BUSINESS. AND YOU KNOW, THE RATIONALE FOR THIS IS THAT THESE POLICIES ARE FOCUSED ON OUR CHILDREN. AND BIG TOBACCO COMPANIES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY TARGETED THE YOUTH MARKET, AND I THINK THAT'S EVIDENT BY THE FACT THAT NEARLY 99% OF TOBACCO RETAILERS SOLD AT LEAST ONE TYPE OF FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS. AND THESE ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE. WHY ELSE WOULD YOU HAVE GUMMY BEAR FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS? SO YOU KNOW, WE REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO USE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO MITIGATE THE USE OF TOBACCO BY THIS YOUNG AGE GROUP. AND FINALLY, WE PROPOSE THAT -- A TAX ON E-CIGARETTES. WE RECOMMEND TAXING E-CIGARETTES AND LIQUIDS AT A HIGH ENOUGH LEVEL TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION AMONGST YOUNG ADULTS. WE KNOW THAT YOUTH AND OTHER BEGINNING SMOKERS AND E-CIGARETTE USERS ARE MORE RESPONSIVE TO CHANGES IN THE PRICE OF PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET,

AND WE FEEL THAT THIS IS A WAY OF INTERVENTION THAT WE CAN USE BEFORE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FULLY ADDICTED. WE RECOMMEND LEVYING A BASE TAX ON E-CIGARETTE DEVICE AND E-LIQUIDS REGARDLESS OF THEIR CONTENT. ADDITIONAL TAXES SHOULD BE LEVIED ON E-LIQUIDS RELATED TO THE AMOUNT OF NICOTINE AND THE THC CONTAINED IN THE PRODUCTS. SO THESE ARE FIVE GENERAL POLICY PROPOSALS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN OTHER PLACES, AND SO WE HOPE YOU WILL TAKE THESE PROPOSALS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Ms. Jama: GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS KAYSE JAMA. LET ME START WITH THIS. I AM ACTUALLY A FORMER SMOKER. I'VE BEEN TOBACCO-FREE FOR ABOUT 3 1/2 YEARS NOW. THAT WAS THE BEST DECISION THAT I HAVE MADE MYSELF, AND MY FAMILY, AND THE COMMUNITY. WITH THAT SAID, YOU HAVE RECEIVED -- THIS IS -- THERE IS NO QUESTION ABOUT THE VALIDITY AND THE -- BEHIND THIS ISSUE. WE KNOW TOBACCO AND SMOKING HURTS. IT HURTS OUR COMMUNITIES, IT HURTS OUR CHILDREN. IN TERMS OF THIS PARTNERSHIP, OREGON HEALTH ALLIANCE AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS HEALTHY. AND OUR KIDS ARE PROTECTED, PARTICULARLY THE YOUTH. AS YOU HEARD, THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY IS TARGETING OUR YOUTH, AND WE NEED TO STOP THAT. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY ON THIS ISSUE. I THINK WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TODAY TO DO, IT'S NOT THE UTMOST -- IT'S A BASELINE, IT'S THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING BIGGER. AND WE'RE HOPING THAT BASED OFF -- THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER ADOPTING -- AT LEAST ASKING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO WORK ON LANGUAGE AND -- THAT WILL ALLOW THESE FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. AS YOU ALSO HEARD, LANE COUNTY ACTUALLY PASSED TOBACCO ORDINANCE JUST MONDAY, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE'RE THE LAST COUNTY IN THE STATE, WE -- WE'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY, WE NEED TO SHOW LEADERSHIP IN THIS ISSUE. AND WE ARE REALLY URGING YOU AGAIN TO ASK THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO -- LANGUAGE THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION AND WE'RE EXCITED AND HAPPY TO BE WORKING WITH YOU AND -- IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WITH THAT SAID, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE -- WE DO.

CHAIR KAFOURY, MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, MY NAME IS LINDA, THE HEALTH POLICY COORDINATOR FOR THE OREGON LATINO HEALTH COALITION. WE'RE A STATEWIDE HEALTH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT HELPS TO INFORM AND SHAPE HEALTH POLICY. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE OREGON LATINO HEALTH COALITION WAS ONE OF THE FOUR COMMUNITY-BASED

ORGANIZATIONS TO CONDUCT THE TOBACCO RETAIL ASSESSMENT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AS AN ORGANIZATION, WE TOOK GREAT INTEREST IN THIS WORK BECAUSE TOBACCO USE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES. WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, 48% OF THE STORES ASSESSED WERE LOCALLY OWNED. WE WITNESSED A GREAT DEAL OF INTERACTION, BETWEEN LOCAL STORES, LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES, AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. WE KNOW DISPROPORTIONATELY COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE HIGHLY MARKETED FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS LIKE MARLBORO, NEW PORT AND -- THREE ADVERTISED BRANDS FOR THESE COMMUNITIES. EMERGING COMMUNITIES LIKE THE LATINO POPULATION IN OREGON IS RELATIVELY YOUNG. AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED FOR THESE PRODUCTS THAT DISPROPORTIONATELY TARGET YOUNG COMMUNITIES. WE HOLD DEEP CONCERNS OUR YOUTH WILL BE SUBJECTED TO BE SUBJECTED TO HARMFUL PRODUCTS LIKE E-CIGARETTES. ADDICTION IS THE ROOT FOR THE MAJORITY OF USERS WHO SMOKE OR USE TOBACCO OR NICOTINE. AT THE SESSION PROGRAMS ARE EFFECTIVE, YET MANY IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE THEY ARE INELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE COVERAGE. LATINOS ARE THE LEAST LIKELY OF ANY RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUP TO HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE. WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE, IT IS LESS LIKELY THAT LATINO SMOKERS WILL BE ADVISED BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO QUIT SMOKING, OR TO HAVE ACCESS TO TREATMENT. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MAKE STRIDES TO ENSURE WE PROTECT OUR YOUTH FROM HARMFUL PRODUCTS. WE RECOMMEND A TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING SYSTEM, AGE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PURCHASING OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, AN UPDATE TO THE CLEAN AIR ACT, TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND THE REQUIREMENT TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THESE COMMUNITIES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Mohammad: HELLO, MADAM COMMISSIONER AND THE REST OF THE COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TESTIFY. MY NAME IS ZACH MOHAMMED AND I AM WITH CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL ORGANIZING, AND I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT WHY THIS IS A NECESSITY FOR PORTLAND. AFTER DOING THE RETAIL ASSESSMENT, I FOUND OUT A LOT ABOUT TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT I HAVE NEVER NOTICED. RIGHT NOW ONCE I GO BACK TO THE RETAILERS, I FIND THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE HEAVILY MARKETED TO OUTS AND THAT THEY ARE TARGETED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE AS YOUNG AS 7 YEARS OLD, JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE THE DISPLAY WITHIN THREE FEET OR HIGHER, WHICH IS EYE LEVEL TO THESE YOUTH. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WHY E-CIGARETTES IS HARMFUL THING, AND IT'S BECOMING MORE PREVALENT AS SALES ARE DOUBLING AND THE RECENT ADAGE TO THE OXFORD DICTIONARY, THE 2014 YEAR OF THE WORD IS

VAPING OR VAPE. AND I ASK YOU TO TAKE CONSIDERATION OF UPDATING THE RETAIL LICENSING SYSTEM, HOW OREGON DOESN'T HAVE ANY WAY TO TRACK WHO IS SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS RIGHT NOW. A LOT OF RETAILERS ARE GOING TO COSTCO TO GET MOST OF THEIR PRODUCT, AND THAT SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A REGULATION ON E-CIGARETTES THAT ANYONE CAN REALLY BUY IT, SO I REALLY WANT YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ANY OF THESE AREAS OF OPPORTUNITIES AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TESTIFY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Mr. Moreno: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO LET YOU GUYS -- I WANT TO SHARE A STORY WITH YOU GUYS. WHEN WE DID THE ASSESSMENT, ONE OF THE RETAILERS THAT WE WERE ASSESSING, WE SHOWED UP AND WE FOUND OUT THAT WHEN WE GOT THERE, THAT RETAILER, SHE WASN'T SELLING TOBACCO. AND YOU KNOW, WE ALREADY HAD A PROTOCOL IN PLACE TO SAY, WE'RE SORRY, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHERE WE WERE GOING INTO. SO WE WERE GETTING READY TO SAY, WE'RE SORRY, WE APOLOGIZE, WE DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SELLING, WE THOUGHT YOU SOLD TOBACCO, AND SHE SAID DON'T WORRY, I USED TO SELL TOBACCO BUT I STOPPED. BECAUSE I HAD KIDS. SO I SHARE THAT STORY WITH YOU GUYS TO SAY SHE PROTECTED WHAT SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR. IT'S TIME FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DO THE SAME AND PROTECT YOUNG PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING US TODAY. IF YOU GUYS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, WE CAN TAKE THEM.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER SMITH?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, GOOD MORNING. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PRESENTING TODAY. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

YES.

Commissioner Smith: GREAT. WITH THE RECENT DEATH OF A YOUNG CHILD IN NEW YORK STATE YESTERDAY OR TWO DAYS AGO FROM THE INGESTION OF E-CIGARETTE LIQUID, AND AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH, WE HAVE A PRESSING RESPONSIBILITY AS YOU SAID. WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE INFORMATION PRESENTED. I PARTICULARLY SUPPORT PLACING AGE REQUIREMENTS ON E-CIGARETTE PURCHASES, AT LEAST TO THE MINIMUM OF TOBACCO. ADDITIONALLY, UPDATING THE INDOOR CLEAN AIR ACT TO INCLUDE PROHIBITIONS ON E-CIGARETTES, IT SEEMS TO BE A LOGICAL AND NECESSARY ACTION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC, AND WE'VE HAD A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS ON IT. WE ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH YOU ALL, WITH OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE STATE LEVEL, AND ALSO WITH THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE POLICIES THAT WILL WORK, WHEN WE MAKE THE DECISIONS. AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE TOBACCO RETAIL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE. I THINK YOU TALKED ABOUT GOING OUTDOOR-TO-DOOR IN THE HOT SUMMER, AND IT WAS A LOT OF WORK. I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE HAVING ALL OF THOSE -- HOW MUCH TIME IT MUST HAVE TAKEN YOU TO DO THAT, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU BECAUSE THE DATA YOU'VE PROVIDED IS VERY VALUABLE AND HELPFUL. TO LEND A HUMAN FACE TO A CONVERSATION THAT SOMETIMES GETS BOGGED DOWN WITH STATISTICS AND I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Ms. Purcell: THERE IS MORE TO COME ABOUT THE DATA. SO I'M REALLY EXCITED, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT RETAIL ASSESSMENT.

Chair Kafoury: LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING IT. THANK YOU.

***Adjourn as the Board of Health and Reconvene as the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners***

Chair Kafoury: WE WILL NOW ADJOURN AS THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO HEAR R.3.

**R.3 RESOLUTION Authorizing the County Chair to Execute a Library Assets Transfer Agreement with the Multnomah County Library District. Presenters: Vailey Oehlke, Library Director; Becky Cobb, Library Deputy Director; Bernadette Nunley, Assistant County Attorney; and Ken Elliott, Assistant County Attorney.**

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Oehlke: I'M VAILEY OEHLKE, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE WITH ME KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S

OFFICE, BECKY COBB AND BERNADETTE NUNLEY, ALSO WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

Chair Kafoury: THE ISSUE WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT, THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN WHAT THE VOTERS, I WANT TO THANK THE VOTERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR PASSING THE LIBRARY DISTRICT LAST YEAR, I WANT TO THANK THE LIBRARY STAFF AND THE LAWYERS HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR WORKING VERY HARD, AS WELL AS THE COMMITTEE THAT THEN CHAIR JEFF COGAN PUT TOGETHER OF STAKEHOLDERS TO LOOK AT HOW WE MAKE THE LIBRARY DISTRICT FULL AND RICH. SO THE AGREEMENT WE'RE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT TODAY WAS REVIEWED BY INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AS WELL AS OUR FINE ATTORNEYS AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WE HAVE COME UP WITH WHAT I THINK IS A LOVELY SOLUTION. SO HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A UNANIMOUS SUPPORT TODAY, BUT I WANT TO THANK YOU, ESPECIALLY BECKY COBB, YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, AND VAILEY THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Ms. Oehlke: OUR PLEASURE. AGAIN, GOOD MORNING, AND AS CHAIR KAFOURY DESCRIBED, THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT TODAY IS THE TRANSFER AGREEMENT THAT IS LIMITED TO TRANSFERRING THE PHYSICAL ASSETS OF THE LIBRARY, THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE BUILDINGS, INCLUDING THE LEASED FACILITIES THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION, AND THE ARTWORK. OWNED BY THE LIBRARY. THIS IS THE RESULT AS -- OF A LOT OF WORK THAT WENT INTO CREATING THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, LITERALLY OVER SEVERAL DECADES ON BEHALF OF A LOT OF FOLKS IN THIS COMMUNITY AS WELL AS IN FACT A LOT OF YOU WHO PUT A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY INTO CREATING THAT DISTRICT. IT WAS FORMED AS YOU KNOW IN NOVEMBER OF 2012. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CREATING THAT LIBRARY DISTRICT AND PROVIDING THE STABILITY OF FUNDING THAT WILL BENEFIT IT AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THIS COMMUNITY LONG INTO THE FUTURE. WHEN WE FORMED THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, WE ALSO CREATED AN IGA BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY, AS YOU KNOW, THAT ESSENTIALLY ESTABLISHED A STATUS QUO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORT AND THAT KIND OF THING. WITH THE INTENT OF SPENDING SOME TIME TO DETERMINE WHAT WE WOULD THEN CONSIDER TRANSFERRING TO THE DISTRICT THAT WOULD MANIFEST THE DISTRICT AS AN ENTITY. IT WAS AGREED BY THE THEN CHAIR'S OFFICE AND THIS GROUP THAT YOU REFERENCED, CHAIR KAFOURY, A GROUP COMMUNITY CITIZENS TO TAKE A LOOK DISCREETLY AT THOSE ASSETS AND DETERMINE IF IT MADE SENSE TO MAKE THAT TRANSFER. AND FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS A GROUP VERY DEDICATED BOTH CITIZENS AND AS YOU DESCRIBED, CHAIR KAFOURY, STAFF, I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL THE FOLKS WHO PUT A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY INTO THIS, SO TODAY'S RESOLUTION BEFORE YOU IS A REQUEST

TO APPROVE THAT TRANSFER. I'VE GOT WITH ME BERNADETTE NUNLEY, ALONG WITH KEN ELLIOTT, WHO HAS NO VOICE -- KEN ELLIOTT, WHO HAS NO VOICE, BERNADETTE IS GOING OVER THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGREEMENT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Ms. Nunley: THANK YOU. I'LL GO OVER, JUST GIVE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT THIS AGREEMENT DOES. AS VAILEY SAID, IT BEGINS THE TRANSFER PROCESS OF THE REAL PROPERTY, THE PERSONAL PROPERTY, THAT INCLUDES THE COLLECTION, THE ART, AND THE JOHN WILSON SPECIAL COLLECTION. THIS AGREEMENT EXCLUDES INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND FLEET, JUST FOR BASICALLY EASE AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS PROCESS. THE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZES THE CHAIR TO SIGN ALL OF THE LEGAL DOCUMENTS THAT WILL FOLLOW. AND THOSE LEGAL DOCUMENTS ARE THE ACTUAL TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY. SO THIS STARTS US OFF IN WHAT WILL BE A PROCESS THAT BEGINS IN 2015. VAILEY ALSO MENTIONED THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY, AND WE'LL BRING AN AMENDMENT TO THAT IGA TO YOU ALSO BEGINNING IN 2015 TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS TRANSFER PROCESS AND TO UPDATE THE IGA. OTHER THAN THAT, THOSE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE AT THIS POINT. AND OTHER THAN THAT I THINK THAT'S ALL WE HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner McKeel: KEN, AS YOU HAVE NO VOICE, MY EARS ARE PLUGGED UP. IF I'M YELLING, I'M SORRY. I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. THIS IS A BIG STEP. THE DISTRICT WAS -- FORMING THE DISTRICT WAS A BIG STEP. THIS IS THE NEXT BIG STEP. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY DELIBERATE AND OPEN PROCESS, AND JUST THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO'S PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. NOW WATCH THIS.

***Recess as the Board of County Commissioners and Convene as the Library District***

WE ARE GOING TO RECESS AS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AND CONVENIENT AS THE LIBRARY DISTRICT.

**R.4 Acting as the MCLD Board, RESOLUTION Authorizing the Library District Chair to Execute a Library Assets Transfer Agreement with Multnomah County. Presenters: Vailey Oehlke, Becky Cobb, Bernadette Nunley and Ken Elliott.**

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO AS THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, VOTE TO APPROVE WHAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVED.

Commissioner Shiprack: MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO SAY, THIS IS REALLY A GOOD EXAMPLE RIGHT HERE THAT TRANSITION FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO THE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY IT IS SUCH A SMOOTH TRANSITION AND ALSO A VERY IMPORTANT TRANSITION IN KEEPING WITH OUR NEW LIBRARY SPECIAL DISTRICT. SO I FEEL REALLY COMFORTABLE WITH THIS, AND I FEEL LIKE IT IS A VERY POSITIVE MOVE FOR BOTH THE BOARD AND FOR THE LIBRARY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO SAY THIS IS QUITE ANTICLIMACTIC CONSIDERING HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY AND WORK WAS PUT INTO THIS. BUT I THINK IT SHOWS WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME TO MAKE SURE ALL THE PARTIES REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS OCCURRING, AND THAT WE CAN FEEL GOOD ABOUT MAKING THIS VOTE. SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

***Adjourn as the Library District Board and Reconvene as the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners***

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. AND NOW WE'LL ADJOURN AS THE LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE BOARD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. AND RETURN TO R.2.

**R.2 RESOLUTION Approving FAC-1 Preliminary Planning Proposal, Preferred Site, Cost Estimates & Funding Strategy, and Submittal of Courthouse Funding Application to OJD/DAS. Presenters: Clifton Serres, Engineering Services Manager; JD Deschamps, Central Courthouse Project Manager; Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer; and Ken Elliott, Assistant County; and, Henry Alaman, Interim Director of Facilities and Mike Day, Owner's Representative.**

Chair Kafoury: CAN I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Smith: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.2.

Mr. Elliott: GOOD MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: OH, NO.

Mr. Elliott: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I'M KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I'M HERE WITH OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, HENRY ALAMAN, OUR COURTHOUSE PROJECT MANAGER J.D., DESCHAMPS, AND MIKE DAY OF DAY CPM. THIS REQUEST WAS THE SUBJECT OF A DETAILED BOARD BRIEFING ON TUESDAY, THE 16th, AND HAS RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION IN THE MEDIA THIS WEEK. THE PROJECT TEAM IS ASKING THE BOARD TO ENDORSE THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON A PREFERRED SITE AND AN ALTERNATE SITE. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS IF ADOPTED WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE OREGON CHIEF JUSTICE, AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AS PART OF A COURTHOUSE FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE STATE'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL. OVER THE NEXT 90 DAYS, THE PROJECT TEAM WILL CARRY OUT ENVIRONMENTAL, GEO TECH, AND LAND USE ANALYSIS ON BOTH OF THE SITES, AND FOLLOWING THIS DUE DILIGENCE, AND IF THE COUNTY RECEIVES STATE APPROVAL FOR COURTHOUSE FUNDING ON EITHER SITE, THE TEAM WILL RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR ITS FINAL DECISION ON A SITE. I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER NOW TO HENRY AND MIKE.

Mr. Alaman: GREAT. GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS HENRY ALAMAN, I'M THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. I'M GOING TO LET MY COLLEAGUES INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

MIKE DAY WITH CPM SERVICES. GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS.

GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS, J.D. DESCHAMPS, THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE COURTHOUSE.

MR. ALAMAN: REAL QUICK, HERE'S THE AGENDA. WE'RE GOING TO DO A QUICK OVERVIEW, WE'RE GOING TO REVIEW QUICKLY THE REASON WE NEED A NEW COURTHOUSE, THE SITE SOLICITATION PROCESS, AND WHAT LED TO OUR TOP TWO SITES. AND AT THE END WE'LL BE ASKING FOR BOARD APPROVAL. JUST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR FOLKS THAT ARE JUST JOINING US HERE, THE COURTHOUSE WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 1900s.

IT'S A SEVEN-STORY, 256,000 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING. IT HAS 600,000 VISITORS EACH YEAR. AND IT'S AN AREA THAT'S VISITED BY THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN JURY DUTY. ONE QUESTION THAT COMES UP COMMONLY IS, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE BUILDING AFTERWARDS? THERE'S REALLY BEEN NO DECISIONS MADE WITH THE DISPOSITION OF THE COURTHOUSE. BUT WE'LL ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE USE OF THE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE. THE SEISMIC RISK TO THE COURTHOUSE IS ONE OF THE PRIMARY REASONS THAT THERE'S CONCERN. IT HASN'T BEEN BUILT TO THE 21st CENTURY SEISMIC STANDARDS. IT WAS CONSTRUCTED OF HOLLOW CORE BLOCKS, AND IT'S VERY LIKELY TO FAIL IF -- IN A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE AND PROBABLY BECOME INOPERABLE DURING A MINOR EARTHQUAKE. OUR PROJECT GOALS. OUR PROJECT GOALS ARE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW AND SAFE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE. BUILT TO CURRENT SEISMIC STANDARDS. BUILD A COURTHOUSE THAT HAS BEST PRACTICES FOR SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, AND MEETING SPACE. AND BUILD IT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE DEFENDANTS, LITIGANTS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY FOR THE PUBLIC FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS. MIKE, DO YOU WANT TO GO OVER THE SITE SELECTION PROCESS?

Mr. Day: SURE. THIS IS KIND OF BUILDING ON WHAT WE SHARED WITH YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK IN THE BOARD BRIEFING. THERE WAS SOME REALLY GOOD DIALOGUE THAT HAPPENED, SO WE WANTED TO COME BACK AND REVISIT SOME OF THOSE THINGS AND SHARE THE CONTEXT AGAIN AND IN TERMS OF TODAY'S MEETING AND THE REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF DUE DILIGENCE WITH BOTH SITES.

Mr. Deschamps: AS YOU KNOW, AS YOU RECALL, LAST SPRING WE ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF EXPERTS AND ENGAGED WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, VARIOUS STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO DEVELOP A VERY ROBUST AND RIGOROUS PROCESS TO EVALUATE AND GO THROUGH A SITE SELECTION PROCESS. THAT WAS A PROCESS THAT WAS INVOLVED A TEAM OF EXPERTS BOTH FROM THE INDUSTRY, LAND USE EXPERTS, ALONG WITH COUNTY STAFF. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE SOLICITATION AND THE CRITERIA FOR THAT SITE SOLICITATION IS A QUESTION THAT'S OFTEN ASKED, HOW DO YOU DEVELOP CRITERIA AND WHAT ARE THE WEIGHTING OF THE CRITERIA? SO I WANT TO GO INTO A LITTLE BIT OF DETAIL ON THAT, NOT TAKE A LOT OF TIME, BUT SHARE AND REFLECT ON WHAT SOME OF THOSE CRITICAL COMPONENTS WERE AS FAR AS THE VITALS FOR THE EVALUATION CRITERIA. AGAIN, WE HAD KIND OF 70 MAJOR CRITERIA TOPICS, BUT THIS IS REALLY KIND OF SHARING WITH YOU WITH THE NEXT SLIDE WHAT I CALL KIND OF THE VITAL FEW AND THE THINGS THAT REALLY RISE TO THE TOP AS PART OF THAT EVALUATION TEAM WHEN WE WENT THROUGH THIS SCORING PROCESS. SO YOU CAN SEE WITH THE SITE SELECTION EVALUATION CRITERIA, YOU'VE GOT SOME MAJOR CATEGORIES. COURT FUNCTIONALITY SURROUNDING CONTEXT, HOW RISK IS MANAGED WITHIN

THE CONTEXT OF A LAND USE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. OF COURSE, SECURITY AND OPERATIONS, SHERIFF TRANSPORT, HOW THAT DEVELOPS IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW YOU ADAPT THE SITE FOR SECURED ACCESS FOR THE DEFENDANTS INTO THE BUILDING. AND THE ONGOING OPERATIONS AND SECURITY IS VERY IMPORTANT. DOES THE SITE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEET THE OVERALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS? OF COURSE THAT'S A VERY CRITICAL ELEMENT, AND OUR REFERENCE DESIGN TEAM THAT TOOK THE PROGRAM AND DID THE SITE ADAPT ANALYSIS WENT THROUGH A EXTENSIVE PROCESS TO MAKE SURE BOTH SITES WOULD SUPPORT THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS THAT WAS DEVELOPED BY NCSC.

Mr. Day: THE SURROUNDING CONTEXT REALLY RELATES TO ADJACENT AMENITIES TO THE SITE, IS THE SITE AN APPROPRIATE SITE FOR A MAJOR CIVIC BUILDING, WHAT ARE THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AND ACCESS ISSUES FOR THE PUBLIC, AND FOR STAFF, AND THEN WITH THE RISK FACTORS OF COURSE, HOW IS THE REGULATORY PROCESS MANAGED WITHIN THE LAND USE CONTEXT FOR ANY OF THE SITES THAT WE LOOKED AT? THIS IS IN THE BROAD CANVAS OF LOOKING AT ALL 11 SITES AND NARROWING DOWN FROM 11 TO FOUR SITES, AND ULTIMATELY TO OUR TOP TWO SITES THAT WE PRESENTED TO YOU EARLIER THIS WEEK AND WE'RE PRESENTING AGAIN TODAY FOR APPROVAL. THE DESIGN POTENTIAL OF EACH SITE. WHAT ARE THE CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS AROUND HOW YOU DEVELOP AND BUILD ON THESE SITES, IN THE CONTEXT OF ANY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, AND WITHIN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THERE ARE EXTREMELY COMPLEX CHALLENGES WITH ANY DOWNTOWN CITY SITE. SO YOU HAVE TO ADDRESS THOSE, AND THAT WAS PART OF THAT TECHNICAL SCORING REVIEW. OF COURSE SUSTAINABILITY, WHICH IS VERY IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHAT ARE THE LAND ACQUISITION COSTING, WHAT ARE THE TRADE-OFFS IN TERMS OF COST DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN THE SITES. THAT'S JUST KIND OF A CONTEXT AND THERE'S MUCH MORE DETAIL ON THAT THAT WAS DEVELOPED WITH THE OVERALL 70 CRITERIA. THERE WERE A THOUSAND POINTS THAT WERE DEVELOPED AS A PART OF THAT SCORING CRITERIA. I WOULD JUST ADD FOR CONTEXT THAT THE COST COMPONENT OF THE EVALUATION OF THE DIFFERENT SITES FROM A LAND ACQUISITION STANDPOINT WAS A VERY SMALL PIECE IN TERMS OF HOW WE WEIGHTED THE SITE. SO REALLY SOME OF THE HIGHER WEIGHTED ITEMS HAD TO DO WITH CONTEXT OF DOES IT MEET THE OVERALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, IS IT COMPATIBLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMUNITY AND TRANSIT AND THOSE TYPES OF AMENITIES. I'M GOING TO MOVE ON TO SHARE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE TIMETABLE THAT WE WENT THROUGH WITH ISSUING THE SITE SOLICITATION. AGAIN, THIS IS JUST BEING REPETITIVE WITH WHAT WE'VE SHARED WITH YOU, BUT THE PROCESS WE WENT THROUGH, AGAIN, PRIOR TO THAT JULY 21<sup>st</sup> ISSUANCE OF THE SITE SOLICITATION, THERE WAS A RIGOROUS PROCESS TO DEVELOP THE CRITERIA FOR THAT OUTREACH. THERE WAS A STRONG OUTREACH EFFORT MADE TO LANDOWNERS TO IDENTIFY THE OPTIONS, EVEN IN ADVANCE OF GOING THROUGH THE

FORMAL SITE SOLICITATION PROCESS. WE HAD A STRONG PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION, AND REQUESTED THEIR SUPPORT IN REACHING OUT TO LOCAL LANDOWNERS WHICH THEY WERE A GREAT PARTNER IN THAT PROCESS. GOOD LOCAL PRESS AND COVERAGE ON THE SITE SOLICITATION PROCESS LAST SUMMER, ULTIMATELY THAT LED TO THE RECEIVING OF THE PROPOSALS OF COURSE IN THE FALL AND THEN WE WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF -- THROUGH THE PROCESS OF REVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND FINAL SCORING. THERE WAS A COURT SURVEY PROCESS THAT WE WENT THROUGH AS WELL, AND THAT WAS IN THE LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL.

Mr. Deschamps: WE HAD TREMENDOUS RESPONSE ON THAT, AND THAT WAS TAKEN INTO THE CONTEXT OF THE OVERALL REVIEW. SO NOW TO SOME MORE SLIDES, KIND OF GET INTO THE WEEDS A LITTLE BIT HERE. THIS IS THE OVERALL ZONING MAP WHICH IN ESSENCE IS KIND OF A 1.5-MILE RADIUS, IF YOU WILL, WITH BOUNDARIES TO THE WEST BEING 405, THE LLOYD DISTRICT, AND THE PEARL DISTRICT AREA TO THE NORTH. THE SOUTH WATERFRONT AND ON THE EAST SIDE IS THE -- THAT BORDER OF THE COMMERCIAL-TO-RESIDENTIAL AREAS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK. I WANT TO PROVIDE A LITTLE MORE CONTEXT FOR YOU THIS MORNING ON WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THESE TWO SITES, WHY DID THESE TWO SITES RAISE TO THE TOP AND WITH THE PREFERRED SITE, THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD SOUTH BLOCK, WHAT WAS IT THAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS SITE AND SET IT APART, AND I'LL PROVIDE CONTEXT AS WELL ON THE PARKING LOT BETWEEN THE KOIN CENTER AND MARRIOTT. SO THE NARRATIVE THAT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU, FIRST OF COURSE IT'S A COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. COUNTY CONTROLS THAT PROPERTY, IT'S PART OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE COUNTY ASSETS. CERTAINLY A TAX BENEFIT THAT COMES WITH THAT. THE DOWNTOWN LOCATION, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR -- AS PART OF THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR STAGING AND LAY-DOWN, ACCESS ISSUES, IT WAS A VERY POSITIVE THING WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE EVALUATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS OF HOW YOU WOULD ACTUALLY DEVELOP AND BUILD AND THAT'S SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS LOOK AT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT BUILDING IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT. DOES THE SITE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO MEET THE OVERALL FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. IT DID SCORE VERY WELL FOR THAT. AS PART OF OUR SITE ADAPT REVIEW PROCESS. ALSO THE ASPECT OF COMING ACROSS THE RIVER AND THE PRESENCE WITH ITS LOCATION AS A GATEWAY, THE VISIBILITY YOU GET AND THE STATEMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE IS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY WAS CERTAINLY VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT. THE ACCESS TO THE TUNNEL EASEMENT THAT'S BEEN CREATED AND THE CONNECTION TO THE JUSTICE CENTER WHICH COULD RESULT IN SECURED ACCESS AND OPERATIONAL SAVINGS AND BENEFITS THAT COME WITH THAT. BETWEEN THE TWO BUILDINGS AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE JUSTICE CENTER, IT WAS A CRITERIA THAT CERTAINLY WAS A DIFFERENTIATOR. NO OTHER EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

OUTSIDE OF THE FACT THAT THERE ARE OTHER ADJACENT PROPERTIES THAT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE POTENTIAL FOR SECURED JUDGES' PARKING IN THE ADJACENT GARAGE ON 1st AND JEFFERSON, AND JUST GENERAL PUBLIC ACCESS PARKING AVAILABILITY, REGIONAL TRANSIT, AMENITIES, THOSE WERE CONSISTENT FOR BOTH SITES. THE DESIGN POTENTIAL, I WOULD ADD, IS JUST TO ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT, WHICH I THINK IS A REALLY INTERESTING COMPONENT WHEN YOU LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT AND MASTER PLANNING, PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS WHENEVER YOU LOOK AT A MASTER PLAN IS LOOKING OUT INTO THE FUTURE. YOU HAVE THE NORTH BLOCK THAT'S NOT BEING DEVELOPED AS PART OF THIS PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Deschamps: THAT NORTH BLOCK HAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR OTHER USES FOR THE COUNTY. IT'S A COUNTY ASSET. AND OF COURSE THAT'S NOT PART OF THIS PHASED DEVELOPMENT, BUT IT GIVES YOU WHAT I CALL THE EMPTY CHAIR WHEN YOU'RE LOOK AT LONG-TERM PLANNING STRATEGICALLY, IT DOES GIVE YOU AN EMPTY CHAIR THAT'S ACROSS THE STREET. NOW LET'S MOVE TO THE KOIN TOWER MARRIOTT BLOCK 128 PARKING LOT. AND WHAT THE ADVANTAGES WERE WITH THAT, AND AGAIN, WHAT ROSE TO THE TOP. THE DOWNTOWN LOCATION, APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS FARTHER TO THE SOUTH AS FAR AS THE ADJACENCY AND LOCATION FROM THE JUSTICE CENTER AND THE DOWNTOWN CORE OF THE CIVIC PUBLIC BUILDINGS. DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS, NO DEMOLITION REQUIRED, THOUGH THERE'S SOME MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN BECAUSE OF THE PARKING GARAGE ACCESS TO ADDRESS THAT FROM AN OPERATIONAL AND SECURITY STANDPOINT. THE SITE CAPACITY DOES HAVE -- DOES SUPPORT THE PROGRAM. SO AS PART OF OUR PROCESS WE LOOK AT THAT VERY CAREFULLY. PUBLIC ACCESS, PARKING AVAILABILITY SCORED SIMILARLY TO THE OTHER SITE. AND THEN AMENITIES, REGIONAL TRANSIT, DESIGN POTENTIAL, ALL THOSE FACTORS SCORED VERY SIMILARLY TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD SITE. SO THAT KIND OF GIVES YOU A LITTLE BIT OF THE CONTEXT OF MORE OF THE DETAIL. I THINK THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD EARLIER THIS WEEK WERE REALLY GOOD, THEY WERE PRODUCTIVE AND THAT DIALOGUE IS PART OF WHAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT PHASE, AND WE PEEL THE LAYERS AND GO DEEPER ON BOTH SITES, THAT WOULD COME BACK TO YOU IN 90 DAYS, WITH A PLAN, AND A RECOMMENDATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

Mr. Deschamps: I DID ALSO WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU, HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE OUTREACH, PUBLIC OUTREACH WE'VE DONE TO DATE, SINCE JUNE OF 2012. SO JUNE OF 2012 THE COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZED THE PUBLIC OUTREACH FOR THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT. WE ACTUALLY PRODUCED A VIDEO, LAUNCHED A WEBSITE TO SHARE THE CONDITIONS OF THE COURTHOUSE WITH THE PUBLIC, IN FALL OF 2012 WE HAD TWO PUBLIC

MEETINGS AND AN ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT NEEDS AND GOALS. IN DECEMBER OF 2012 WE ALSO BRIEFED THE BOARD ON THE PUBLIC OUTREACH RESULTS. AND WE SPENT THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME IN 2013 REALLY WORKING WITH THE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A COURTHOUSE FUNDING MECHANISM AND IN APRIL OF 2014 WE BRIEFED THE BOARD ON PROGRESS AND ALSO INCLUDING THE STATE FUNDING. SO IN JUST RECENTLY HERE AS FAR AS OUR SOLICITATION, WE HAD OUR PUBLIC SOLICITATION STARTING IN JULY, AND FALL OF 2014 THAT'S WHEN AS MIKE MENTIONED EARLIER WE HAD THAT TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP COME TOGETHER AND RANK THE 11 COURTHOUSE SITES. AND THEN LATER IN THE FALL WE DID THE ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY OF THE COURTHOUSE SITE CRITERIA, AND THEN JUST LAST TUESDAY WE WERE HERE TO BRIEF YOU AND THEN THAT BRINGS US TO TODAY. WHICH IS OUR REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD. JUST SOME FUTURE PLANNING THAT WE'VE GOT. WE'VE ALREADY GOT JANUARY 29th SET AS AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PUBLIC. WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD ON OUR PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD, OUR PROCUREMENT METHOD WITH A RECOMMENDATION. IN WINTER 2015 WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER ONLINE PUBLIC SURVEY FOR THE COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION, IN SPRING OF 2015 WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU FOR A VOTE ON THE COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION. IN FALL WE'VE GOT MORE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES AND AN ADDITIONAL OPEN HOUSES IN 2016 WITH OUR GOAL OF DOING THE PUBLIC GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY LATE 2016. SO OVER THE NEXT 90 DAYS, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR, BOARD APPROVAL ON, IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DUE DILIGENCE REPORTING. MOSTLY FOCUSED ON GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION PHASE ONE AND PHASE TWO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS, WE'LL ALSO BE LOOKING AT INITIAL STUDIES, WE'LL CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE WITH OGD AND DAS, WE MENTIONED OPEN HOUSE IN THE 29th AND THEN COMING TO YOU EVENTUALLY WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PREFERRED SITE. AT THIS POINT I WANT TO HAND IT OVER TO KEN, AND LET HIM GO OVER THE REQUEST.

Mr. Elliott: THANK YOU, HENRY. THE RESOLUTION THAT WE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD THIS MORNING CONTAINS FOUR APPROVAL COMPONENTS. THE FIRST IS THE FACILITIES, THE FACT ONE REPORT WHICH IS THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING PROPOSAL, AND AS WAS DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL TUESDAY, THIS IS JUST THE FIRST STEP OF FACT ONE. SO THE SECOND STEP WILL BE COMING BACK PROBABLY TOWARD THE END OF MARCH WITH MORE INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING AND PROBABLY A MORE DEFINED SITE RECOMMENDATION. BUT THE PRELIMINARY PLANNING PROPOSAL INCLUDES PROJECTS SCOPE, COST ESTIMATES, AND THE FUNDING STRATEGY THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY'S CFO. THE SECOND APPROVAL AS DISCUSSED IS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PREFERRED SITE AND AN ALTERNATE SITE. SO THESE WOULD BOTH THEN BE INCLUDED IN AN APPLICATION TO THE OREGON CHIEF JUSTICE AND OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FOR APPROVAL AS A COURTHOUSE SITE. THAT FUNDING APPLICATION IS BASICALLY ALL OF THE INFORMATION YOU SAW IN THE BOARD BRIEFING, BUT REORGANIZED IN A FORMAT THAT THE COURT -- THE STATE HAS REQUESTED. SO THAT WOULD BE THE THIRD STEP WHICH WE EXPECT TO TAKE PLACE JUST IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS RESOLUTION. THE FOURTH STEP WOULD BE TO AUTHORIZE THE TEAM TO CONTINUE OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS WITH DUE DILIGENCE, AND DIRECT IT TOWARD RETURNING TOWARD THE END OF MARCH OR EARLY APRIL WITH THE SECOND FAC 1 PROPOSAL WHICH IS THE PROJECT PROPOSAL. THAT WILL INCLUDE DETAILED PROJECT COST AND BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS, ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT FEASIBILITY, PROJECT ALTERNATIVES, RISK ASSESSMENTS, AND A MORE DEFINED PROJECT SCHEDULE. SO THOSE ARE THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD THIS MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER BAILEY?

Commissioner Bailey: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION. I HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FROM FOLKS IN THE PUBLIC OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS SINCE YOUR LAST PRESENTATION. SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS YOU'VE ADDRESSED IN THE COURSE OF THIS PRESENTATION, BUT EITHER FULLY OR PARTIALLY. I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS ON THE RECORD AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR RESPONSE TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS THAT I'VE RECEIVED. FIRST OFF, AS YOU LOOKED AT ALTERNATIVE SITES, AND WHAT CAME IN, WHY WEREN'T SOME OF THE OTHER AT LEAST SOMEWHAT APPROXIMATE SITES CHOSEN, THINGS LIKE THE AUDITORIUM, THE LOTUS BLOCK, THE CITY PARKING GARAGE, WHY THESE PARTICULAR SITES?

Mr. Deschamps: I THINK JUST AS MAYBE WHAT -- LET'S USE A COUPLE EXAMPLES. THE LOTUS BLOCK, FIRST WE'LL HIT THAT. THERE'S A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPONENT TO THE LOTUS BLOCK, AND THERE'S ALSO SOME ZONING RESTRICTIONS RELATED -- THAT LIMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY THERE. SO THAT WAS CERTAINLY OVER SIGNIFICANT FACTORS WITH RESPECT TO THE LOTUS BLOCK. THE CITY SMART PARK GARAGE, WHICH IS DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD SITE, HAD SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF REMOVAL OF THE CITY PARKING GARAGE, RELOCATING THAT PARKING GARAGE, ALONG WITH THE SERVICES THAT ARE PART OF THAT CITY FUNCTION THAT BECAME COST PROHIBITIVE, AND WOULD ALSO ADD POTENTIALLY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME AT THE OVERALL TIME LINE FOR DEVELOPMENT. SO THERE WERE THOSE COMPONENTS THAT WERE PART OF THAT.

Commissioner Bailey: WHAT ABOUT THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE LOCATION?

WHAT'S THE FEASIBILITY THERE OF USING THAT SITE? HAVE YOU STUDIED THAT?

Mr. Alaman: YES, WE'VE DEFINITELY STUDIED THAT. THE CHALLENGE WITH REDOING THE COURTHOUSE, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPACT WITH TRYING TO DO A SEISMIC UPGRADE IN AN OCCUPIED COURTHOUSE. WITH ALSO DETERMINED THE BEST STRATEGY WOULD BE TO BUILD A NEW FACILITY SO THAT FOLKS CAN MOVE INTO IT AND THEN DEAL WITH THE DISPOSITION OR WHATEVER WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THE COURTHOUSE AFTERWARDS.

Chair Kafoury: IT WAS STUDIES 24 AND 25 OUT OF THE 26 STUDIES THAT WE'VE DONE OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS, WE LOOKED AT THE POTENTIAL OF RENOVATING THE COURTS HOUSE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND WHILE IT WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED BECAUSE THAT WAS THE ONLY FINANCIALLY VIABLE ALTERNATIVE, AND THAT WOULD HAVE ADDED TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS, TOO MANY QUESTIONS AND YEARS AND YEARS TO THE PROJECT WHICH ULTIMATELY RAISES THE COST. WE ALSO LOOKED AT MOVING THE COURT FUNCTIONS OUT, RENOVATING IT, AND MOVING THE COURT FUNCTIONS BACK IN, BUT YOU HAVE TO BUILD, BECAUSE OF THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, THE PRISONERS, THE TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT GO ALONG WITH HAVING COURT FUNCTIONS, WOULD YOU HAVE TO BASICALLY BUILD A SECOND COURTHOUSE, MOVE PEOPLE IN, AND THEN FIX UP THE COURTHOUSE AND MOVE THEM BACK, WHICH AGAIN IS -- WE FIGURED AT THE TIME WOULD HAVE BEEN ACTUALLY DOUBLE THE COST, WOULD YOU HAVE HAD TO BUILD TWO COURTHOUSES. SO BOTH OPTIONS, THOUGH WE STUDIED THEM FOR A LONG TIME AND ACTUALLY RENOVATING THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE, WHILE WE WERE USING IT WAS MY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE A COUPLE YEARS AGO, BECAUSE I WANT TO SAVE THAT BUILDING AND I THINK IT'S LOVELY AND IT HAS -- IS SO MAJESTIC, BUT FINANCIALLY AND PRACTICALLY WAS NOT GOING TO WORK.

Commissioner Bailey: APPRECIATE THE HISTORY LESSON.

Chair Kafoury: SORRY.

Commissioner Bailey: I HAVE A COUPLE OTHER QUESTIONS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY THAT THE DESIGN OF THE COURTHOUSE HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED. THAT THE DRAWINGS THAT WE'VE SEEN ARE SIMPLY CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS OF THAT LOCATION. IS THAT CORRECT?

Mr. Alaman: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

Commissioner Bailey: AND THEN THEORETICALLY AS WE LOOK AT CONSTRUCTION OF THAT COURTHOUSE, YOU WILL STILL BE LOOKING AT

QUESTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION, ACCESS, PROXIMITY TO ADJACENT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, AND THEORETICALLY EVEN OPPORTUNITIES LIKE MORE RECTANGULAR BUILDINGS THAT MIGHT GO OVER AN OFF-RAMP OR REALIGNMENT OF THOSE EXISTING FACILITIES. IS THAT CORRECT?

Mr. Alaman: ABSOLUTELY. AT THIS POINT WE'VE JUST DONE A REFERENCE DESIGN, THE CONCEPT OF MAKING SURE THE PROGRAM FITS WITHIN THE SITE SO THOSE ARE JUST PRELIMINARY STEPS TO MAKE SURE IT WAS A VIABLE OPTION AT THE SITES.

Commissioner Bailey: AND YOU MENTIONED AT THE BRIEFING ON TUESDAY, BUT I WANT TO CONFIRM AGAIN, THAT THE DESIGN -- THE CONCEPT AS YOU'VE LOOKED AT DID NOT INCLUDE TAKING ANY PORTION OF THE V.Q. AND ITS SEATING CAPACITY OR THE JEFFERSON STATION APARTMENTS, CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT, BUT IN TERMS OF THE CONCEPT, IS THAT STILL THE CASE?

Mr. Deschamps: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

Commissioner Bailey: OK. I'D LIKE TO KNOW HOW MANY PUBLIC INPUT SESSIONS YOU HAD ON SITE LOCATION PRIOR TO THE PREFERRED SITE BEING RECOMMENDED.

Mr. Alaman: I KNOW THE SURVEY WE CONDUCTED REGARDING THE COURTHOUSE AND THE SITE, WE HAD 1300 RESPONDENTS TO THAT.

Commissioner Bailey: BUT NO ACTUAL SESSIONS FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME IN AND COMMENT ON SITE LOCATION. IS THAT CORRECT?

Mr. Deschamps: THAT'S CORRECT. THERE WAS NOT A PUBLIC COMMENT SPECIFICALLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE 11 SITES THAT WERE REVIEWED AS PART OF THE TECHNICAL REVIEW PROCESS. KEN CAN SPEAK TO THE REASON FOR THAT.

Commissioner Bailey: AS YOU DO, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY THAT INCLUDES THE OWNERS OF THE JEFFERSON STATION JUST FINDING OUT ABOUT THIS ON MONDAY.

Mr. Elliott: COMMISSIONER BAILEY, I MIGHT ADD THAT TRADITIONALLY REAL ESTATE MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD, DELIBERATED ON IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. AS WE EVALUATED SITES AND CAME FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND STATUS REPORTS ON OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS, WE DISCUSSED THOSE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH THE BOARD, AND THAT'S AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND TRADITION. SO THAT REAL PROPERTY MATTERS ARE THOSE THAT IF THEY ARE DISCUSSED AT LARGE IN THE PUBLIC, TENDED TO CREATE A LOT OF CONFUSION. AND WE

ATTEMPTED TO GET THROUGH THIS FIRST STEP AND THEN COME FORWARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AS OUR FIRST PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STEP. WITH RESPECT TO JEFFERSON STATION, BY CONTRAST, WE DID REACH OUT TO DENNY KING, THE OWNER OF THE V.Q. RESTAURANT. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE TWO AS OWNERS OF THE REMAINDER OF THE BLOCK IS THAT WE HAVE A 35-YEAR LEASE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE V.Q. WE DON'T HAVE ANY CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JEFFERSON STATION. WE HAVE HAD DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST MANY YEARS WITH MR. KING ABOUT POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF A COURTHOUSE ADJOINING HIS RESTAURANT, AND WHAT IMPACT IT MIGHT HAVE. AND SO WE REACHED OUT TO HIM WITH SOME CONCEPT SKETCHES, LEARNED VERY QUICKLY THAT IF THE PLAN WAS TO TRY TO PRESERVE THE RESTAURANT BUILDING WITHOUT THE PATIO, THAT THAT JUST WASN'T GOING TO WORK. THAT THE PATIO IN THE SUMMER MARKET ARE SO IMPORTANT TO HIS YEAR-ROUND OPERATION, THAT HE DIDN'T SEE THE RESTAURANT SURVIVING. SO AT OUR REQUEST THE PROJECT DESIGNER CAME BACK WITH SOME REVISED CONCEPT SKETCHES THAT SHOW THE PROJECT BEING BUILT AROUND THE V.Q. AND JEFFERSON STATION WHILE PRESERVING THE PATIO. JEFFERSON STATION, THE PLAN IS THAT WE WILL NOT TOUCH THE BUILDING, AND THE HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS IS BASED ON THE BUILDING ITSELF. IN FACT THE BUILDING WAS ADJOINED HISTORICALLY BY A LARGE HOTEL ON THE EAST SIDE, SO THERE IS NO PROTECTED VIEW FOR THOSE OWNERS OF THE RIVER. AND WE WILL BE BLOCKING WHAT WAS BASICALLY A TEMPORARY BENEFIT TO THEM THAT THEY'VE ENJOYED SOME TIME IN THE 1950s WHEN THE ADJOINING BUILDINGS WERE DEMOLISHED.

Commissioner Bailey: ONE FINAL QUESTION. AS LONG AS I'VE GOT YOU, KEN, SO THAT WE ARE AWARE OF RISKS GOING IN HERE, WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL FOR LITIGATION OR LEGAL ACTION FROM THE OWNERS OF THOSE PROPERTIES WITH REGARDS TO CONSTRUCTION DISRUPTION OR IMPACTS ON THOSE PROPERTIES?

Mr. Elliott: IT WILL BE A LONG PROCESS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS TO TRY TO MINIMIZE THOSE UNKNOWNNS AND THE CONFLICTS, AND WE HOPE TO WORK WITH BOTH ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF LITIGATION. I MIGHT ADD WITH RESPECT TO THE LOTUS BLOCK, THERE ARE MULTIPLE OWNERS, THE COUNTY HAS STUDIED THAT BLOCK IN DETAIL IN YEARS PAST, AND TALKED WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE ALWAYS INDICATED THEY'RE NOT WILLING SELLERS. AND DID NOT IN FACT RESPOND TO OUR COURTHOUSE SITE SOLICITATION. SO THAT WOULD ALMOST PRESUME THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO ACQUIRE THE LOTUS BLOCK, AND WE WERE AS A TEAM ASKED TO GIVE A PREFERENCE TO OTHER SITES THAT WOULDN'T REQUIRE THAT SORT OF LITIGATION.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. I HAVE A COUPLE OF POINTS OF CLARIFICATION. I KNOW WE'VE DISCUSSED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE PROPOSED PREFERRED SITE. CAN YOU EXPLAIN TO ME HOW ADA ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE MET, PARTICULARLY IN CONSIDERING OF THOSE IN THE PROXIMITY OF THE FREEWAY AND 1st AVENUE?

Mr. Alaman: SO WE ARE STILL VERY, VERY EARLY IN THE DESIGN PROCESS. THOSE THINGS REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN REVIEWED. THAT'S STILL PART OF OUR PROCESS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET TO. AND WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO THE BOARD AS WE PROGRESS ON THAT DESIGN TO GIVE YOU UPDATES ON THOSE PARTICULARS.

Commissioner Smith: WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A PUBLIC BUILDING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IS HUGE, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS ON THE TOP OF THE LIST BECAUSE WE HAVE LOTS OF SENIORS AND VULNERABLE POPULATION VISITING OUR COURTHOUSE IN ADDITION TO THE PUBLIC STAFF THAT'S THERE. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT NOT JUST FOR THIS SITE, BUT ANY SITE THAT WE CHOOSE IN THE FUTURE.

Mr. Deschamps: I THINK TO ADD TO HENRY'S COMMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, ADA ACCESS, SECURITY, ALL OF THOSE ISSUES ARE VERY IMPORTANT PRIORITIES, AND AS WE GO THROUGH THE NEXT PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, WE GET OUR ARCHITECT TEAM ON BOARD, THAT'S WHEN WE REALLY BEGIN TO LOOK AT THE DETAILS AND SPECIFICS OF THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES. BUT THEY'RE DEFINITELY ON THE RADAR, AND IMPORTANT ISSUES THAT WE WILL BE ADDRESSING.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: CAN YOU REMIND ME AGAIN OF WHAT WILL NOT BE IN THIS COURTHOUSE THAT IS IN THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE RIGHT NOW?

Mr. Alaman: SURE. THERE'S REALLY TWO COMPONENTS THAT ARE OFFSITE, CURRENTLY ONE IS THE D.A. OFFICES. AND THE OTHER IS THE HIGH VOLUME COURTS. SO SMALL CLAIMS, TRAFFIC, PARKING, THOSE FUNCTIONS. SO THOSE FUNCTIONS ARE OFF SITE CURRENTLY.

Commissioner McKeel: SO ONE OF OUR GOALS IT SAYS IS TO MEET WHAT THE NEEDS FOR THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS. SO NOT HAVING THE D.A. AND THE OTHER COURTS IN THERE, IS THAT ADDRESSING THAT GOAL?

Mr. Elliott: WE'VE BEEN MEETING EXTENSIVELY WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE AS PART OF THAT PARTNERSHIP AS THE COURTHOUSE USER GROUP AND A MEMBER OF THE COURTHOUSE USER GROUP. SO THEY'VE BEEN AN

INTEGRAL PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CONCEPT AND REFERENCE DESIGN AND LOOKING AT HOW THEIR SPACE IN TERMS OF OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES IS AFFECTED BY OFFSITE AND THAT WILL AGAIN BE PART OF THE NEXT PHASE THAT WE MOVE INTO IS TO DO FURTHER PLANNING WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE, WE DO HAVE HOTEL -- SPACE FOR THE D.A., THAT'S APPROXIMATELY 5,000 SQUARE FEET. SO THERE ARE OPERATIONAL THINGS THAT NEED TO BE WORKED THROUGH.

Commissioner McKeel: GREAT. THANK YOU. AND I HAVE ONE OTHER QUESTION. ONE OF THE STRENGTHS OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD IS THAT WE OWN IT, AND THE OTHER SITE WE HAVE TO PURCHASE. SO DO YOU HAVE ANY PROJECTION OF WHAT THAT WOULD BE TO ANY BALLPARK PROJECTION OF WHAT THAT WOULD BE TO BUY THE OTHER SITE? I'M ASKING BECAUSE THESE ARE TAXPAYER DOLLARS, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

Mr. Deschamps: IT'S A TWO-PRONGED DISCUSSION. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT SITES, WE DO WHAT WE CALL A SITE COST DIFFERENTIAL ANALYSIS. SO WE LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT SITES AND WE STUDIED THAT FOR ALL FOUR OF THE FINALISTS THAT WE WENT THROUGH. BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY WITH HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD, AND PDC MONIES AND OTHER POTENTIAL CREDITS, VERSUS GOING THROUGH A LAND ACQUISITION PURCHASE WITH A PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER, THE OVERALL COST BETWEEN THE TWO WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT SIDE IS IN THE 20 PLUS MILLION DOLLAR RANGE, SO FROM A TAXPAYER BENEFIT STANDPOINT, THAT'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT IS CONSIDERED EVEN THOUGH AS PART OF OUR SITE CRITERIA, THE COST COMPONENT WAS A SMALL COMPONENT FOR SCORING. THE OTHER PIECE IS THAT THE COUNTY AND CITY HAVE TO CONSIDER IS WHEN YOU TAKE A PRIVATE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT IS PART OF THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX AND PROPERTY TAX BASE FOR THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, THERE'S OTHER REVENUE LOSSES.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. AS PART OUR DESIGN PROJECT TEAM, I HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS I'D LIKE TO INVITE UP TO TESTIFY. REPRESENTATIVE JENNIFER WILLIAMSON, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRESIDING JUDGE NAN WALLER.

Rep. Williamson: GOOD MORNING. I'M JEN WILLIAMSON, HOUSE DISTRICT 36. THE WEST SIDE OF PORTLAND. I HAVE BEEN CO CHAIRING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE WORK GROUP WITH SENATOR CHUCK THOMPSON. WE'RE PUBLIC -- REPUBLICAN FROM HOOD RIVER WHO REPRESENTS THE EAST SIDE OF THE COUNTY. AND WE HAVE BEEN MEETING FOR THE LAST YEAR TO HELP DEVELOP THE PLAN AND THE TIME LINE FOR REPLACING THE

COURTHOUSE. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS COURTHOUSE IS 100 YEARS OLD, AND WAS BUILT WITH THOSE HOLLOW BRICKS WE ALL SAW AND THAT JUDGE WALLER HAS CARRIED AROUND FOR YEARS IN HER PURSE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THE VIEWS OF THE COURTHOUSE. I WAS RECENTLY A JUROR, AND I HAVE TO SAY IGNORANCE IS BLISS SOMETIMES, BECAUSE I SAT IN THE JURY ROOM FOR FOUR DAYS AND AM SO THANK FM FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WORK THERE AND FOR THE JURORS WHO COME, ACTUALLY THE COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE COMPELLED TO BE IN THAT COURTHOUSE KNOWING HOW UNSAFE IT IS. IT WAS REALLY A NERVE WRACKING EXPERIENCE, ACTUALLY. AND HAVING TOURED IT AND SEEN THE BASEMENT, IT IS SHOCKING HOW DANGEROUS THAT BUILDING IS. AS YOU MENTIONED, CHAIR KAFOURY, OUR FIRST SURVEY SAYING WE NEEDED TO REPLACE THE COURTHOUSE WAS 45 YEARS AGO. IT WAS IN 1969 THAT THE RISK WAS IDENTIFIED. AND IT IS ONE OF THE FEW BUILDINGS THAT PEOPLE ARE COMPELLED TO BE IN. 600,000 VISITS EVERY YEAR. IT IS -- THIS IS A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND FOR OUR STATE. AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN SO COMMITTED AT THE STATE TO BE A PARTNER IN REPLACING THIS COURTHOUSE. THE LEGISLATURE HAS AGREED TO MATCH IN REALLY AN UNPRECEDENTED BONDING SITUATION, 50% OF THE CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS BUILDING OF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET. THAT IS A NEW THING. WE HAVE NOT DONE THAT BEFORE, BUT WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO REPLACE THIS COURTHOUSE AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE STATE COURT FUNCTION TO REPLACE THIS COURTHOUSE. AND IT'S REALLY UNIQUE IN THE STATE IN THE WAY THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS STEPPING UP TO BE A PARTNER IN BUILDING THIS BUILDING. LAST WEEK THE LEGISLATIVE EMERGENCY BOARD APPROVED THE SALE OF \$15 MILLION IN BONDS FOR THE STATE'S 2013-15 BIENNIUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUILDING OF THE COURTHOUSE. IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL CONSIDER 17.4 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE '15-17 BIENNIUM AND \$92.6 MILLION IN THE '19-17 BIENNIUM. OBVIOUSLY WE CANNOT BIND A FUTURE LEGISLATURE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY ON THOSE BUDGET PROJECTIONS. SO I AM HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO DESIGNATE THE SITES FOR FOLLOW-UP AND TO KNOW THAT THE LEGISLATURE IS A COMMITTED PARTNER IN BUILDING THIS BUILDING, AND WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST AND BE A PART OF MAKING OUR COURTHOUSE A SAFE AND FUNCTIONAL COURTHOUSE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THING.

Judge Waller: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR COULD FEWER, COMMISSIONERS, I WANT TO START OFF BY THANKING ALL OF YOU. THE DEDICATION OF THE BOARD TO OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE, AND NOW TO HAVING A SAFE PLACE FOR US TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS REMARKABLE. YOU HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT PARTNERS AS WE HAVE STRUGGLED OVER THE MANY DECADES TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION, AND THROUGH THE COLLABORATION OF THE COUNTY, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, THE LEGISLATURE, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, WE NOW

HAVE A PATH TO ACTUALLY REPLACING THE COURTHOUSE, SOMETHING THAT HAS ALLUDED PRESIDING JUDGES BEFORE ME, LEGISLATORS BEFORE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON, AND BEFORE MANY OF YOU WERE COMMISSIONERS. I WANT TO REALLY COMMEND THE PROJECT TEAM THAT YOU'VE PUT TOGETHER FROM THE COUNTY ON THIS PROJECT. I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. AND WHAT REALLY IMPRESSES ME IS THE AMOUNT OF WORK, THE RIGOROUS, DILIGENT EFFORTS TO EXPLORE EVERY OPTION IN TERMS OF FINANCING, IN TERMS OF SITE SELECTION, IN TERMS OF WORKING WITH PARTNERS AS TO WHAT WILL BE IN THE BUILDING AND WHAT WILL BE OUT. WE KNOW THAT OUR BUILDING IS NOT SAFE. WE OPERATE IN IT EVERY DAY, HOPING AGAINST HOPE THAT THE EARTH WILL NOT SHAKE AND THAT IT WILL STAND. WE HAVE ABOUT 1500 PEOPLE A DAY WHO ARE COMING INTO OUR BUILDING TO SOME ARE COMPELLED TO BE THERE, SOME SEEK JUSTICE, SOME ARE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SOME ARE -- HAVE CIVIL DISPUTES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED. AND IT IS OBVIOUSLY IMPERATIVE THAT THERE IS A PLACE TO RESOLVE IT. WE CANNOT DO JUSTICE IN THE STREET. YOU ASKED ABOUT THE ISSUE ABOUT REMODELING THE BUILDING. THERE IS NO PLACE FOR US TO MOVE. IF THE EARTH WERE TO SHAKE AND WE WERE TO BE OUT OF BUSINESS FOR A WHILE, THE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT. SO TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE AND THERE'S AN URGENCY, AND I KNOW THAT'S HARD TO PUT INTO THE CONTEXT OF 40 YEARS OF KNOWING WE NEED TO REPLACE THE BUILDING, HOWEVER, I THINK THAT AS WE ALL CONTINUE TO HEAR REPORTS ABOUT SEISMIC ACTIVITIES, AS WE KNOW THAT THE BUILDING BEYOND SIMPLY THE SEISMIC DEFICITS, THE SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE BUILDING OF COMMINGLING, JURORS, JUDGES, DEFENDANTS WHO ARE IN CUSTODY, IT IS NOT A SAFE BUILDING. YEARS AGO I HAD, BECAUSE EVERYONE IS JUMBLED TOGETHER IN THE SMALL HALLWAYS, THERE IS A COMMOTION OUTSIDE MY COURTROOM AS SOMEONE WAS BEING PUNCHED. IT'S NOT A SAFE BUILDING WHEN EVERYONE IS IN THE BUILDING IN VERY SMALL SPACES, AND I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE PROJECT TEAM, THAT AS WE'VE MET, THEY'VE LISTENED TO THE NEEDS OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. HAVING A SAFE PLACE FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TO WAIT UNTIL THEY COME TO COURT, HAVING THE GRAND JURY A PART FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COURTESIES ITEM SO AS WITNESSES COME IN AND OUT, THEY WILL BE SAFE AND NOT FEEL INTIMIDATED. HAVING JUDGES HAVE A SECURE HALLWAY AND SECURE ELEVATORS. ALL OF THOSE THINGS MAY SEEM LIKE SMALL BITS, BUT ALL TOGETHER THEY'RE WHAT MAKE OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM WORK. THANK GOODNESS WE'VE NOT HAD ANY RECENT TRAGEDIES IN THE BUILDING. BUT WE ARE WORRIED EVERY DAY OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN. SO I WANT TO REALLY COMMEND THE PROJECT TEAM FOR THE VERY DILIGENT EFFORTS THEY'VE MADE TO MAKE SURE THAT IN SELECTING A SITE, IT IS THE BEST SITE FOR OUR COURTHOUSE. AND WHILE THERE ARE TWO SITES ON THE TABLE, THE FACT THAT ONE SITE ROSE TO

THE TOP AND IS THE BEST SITE, I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION.

Judge Waller: YOU ASKED ABOUT IN TERMS OF PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE SITE. THE JUDGES WERE CLAMORING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SITES, BUT BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENT -- THE NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY, THE DESIRE NOT TO REALLY, IF YOU -- IF THE SITES HAD BEEN PUBLIC, IT COULD HAVE DRIVEN UP THE COST OF POTENTIAL SITES. AND CHANGED THE LEVERAGE THAT LANDOWNERS HAD. I THINK THERE WAS -- IT WASN'T JUST THE GENERAL PUBLIC, IT WAS ALSO THE JUDGES WHO WERE NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THAT INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL SITES. HOWEVER, WE TRUSTED THAT THE COUNTY WAS GOING TO BE DOING DUE DILIGENCE IN TERMS OF WHAT IS THE BEST SITE. I THINK THE IDEA OF A COURTHOUSE AS BEING A CENTER PART TO A COMMUNITY, A TESTAMENT TO THE COMMITMENT OF A COMMUNITY TO ITS JUSTICE SYSTEM, HAVING IT BE SOMEPLACE WHERE IT SHINES IS IMPORTANT. IN ADDITION TO THE ISSUES OF SAFETY AND SECURITY AND EFFICIENCY. THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD PROVIDES THAT. IT WILL BE TRULY A JEWEL AND A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE COMMITMENT OF THIS COMMUNITY AND OF THE COUNTY TO ITS JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, VERY WILLING TO ANSWER THEM, BUT I REALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE UNBELIEVABLE COMMITMENT, DEDICATION, AND PERSEVERANCE THROUGH 26, 28 STUDIES OF THE NEED FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE. AND THAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY ON THE BRINK OF SEEING IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Bailey: NOT A QUESTION, A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR TIRELESS WORK IN GETTING US TO THIS POINT, PARTICULARLY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON, HAVING SEEN YOUR ADVOCACY IN THE LEGISLATURE, WE WOULD NOT BE HERE AND NOT WITHOUT YOU JUDGE WALLER, IN THE POSITION OF BEING ABLE TO TALK ABOUT HAVING A NEW COURTHOUSE WITHOUT YOUR WORK, YOUR ADVOCACY, AND YOUR DEDICATION TO HELPING US GET AT LEAST THE START OF THE FUNDING. SO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT. AND FOR YOUR CONTINUING WORK ON MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS ABLE TO HAPPEN IS CRITICAL.

Judge Waller: THANK YOU. THANK YOU. WHAT I'M EXCITED ABOUT IS THAT WE'RE GETTING PAST THE TALK STAGE, WE'RE GETTING TO ACTION. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED AS A COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, HEAR, HEAR. I REALLY LIKE THAT. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE PRIOR TO MY COMING ON TO THIS BOARD, AND THE WORK THAT YOU PLAN TO DO IN THE FUTURE. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU, THIS WAS VERY ENLIGHTENING AND ENGAGING TO ME

FOR THE FIRST TIME TO HEAR FROM THE LEGISLATURE THAT YOU ALL ARE COMMITTING AND YOU'RE AN EQUAL PARTNER IN THIS VENTURE. SO FOR ME TO HEAR YOU, REPRESENTATIVE, COME UP AND SAY, THIS IS OUR COMMITMENT, THIS IS WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE, PUTTING OUR DOLLARS IN THE FUTURE, AND UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU CANNOT COMMIT OTHER LEGISLATORS TO PARTICULAR FUNDING MODELS, BUT TO KNOW THAT YOU SET IT ON RECORD. BECAUSE I HAVE OFTEN QUESTIONED MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE COMMITMENT THAT WAS COMING FROM THE LEGISLATURE. SO TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY THAT I'VE HEARD THAT COMMITMENT, AND I AM SO HAPPY TO HEAR FROM YOU TODAY. THANK YOU.

Rep. Williamson: AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY SAID, I AM PERSONALLY DEDICATED TO THIS PROJECT, AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY IN MY FIRST LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITH THE HELP OF JUDGE WALLER AND OTHERS EXPLAINING WHY THIS NEEDS TO BE A COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE. UNLIKE OTHER COUNTIES, WE DON'T HAVE COUNTY FUNCTIONS IN OUR COURTHOUSE. OUR JUDGES ARE STATE JUDGES. WE DO THE BUSINESS OF THE STATE IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE. AND I THINK THAT'S A MISUNDERSTANDING OFTEN THAT SOMEHOW THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S PROBLEM. AND IT'S NOT. IT'S A PROBLEM FOR THE STATE. AND IN OTHER COUNTIES WHERE THERE MAY BE COUNTY SERVICES, COUNTY OFFICES OR THE COMMISSION MEETS IN THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE BUILDING, WE ONLY DO BUSINESS OF THE STATE. AND SO WE HAVE TO STEP UP AS A PARTNER AND IN FACT IT'S UNIQUE IN THAT WAY. AND WE EXPLAINED OVER AND OVER AND OVER TO LEGISLATORS THAT THIS IS NOT THE WAY WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH OTHER COUNTY COURTHOUSES. WE ACTUALLY HAVE FUNDING FOR RENOVATION AND BUILDING OF OTHER COURTHOUSES. THIS IS SUCH AN EXPENSIVE PROJECT, AND IT'S SO UNIQUE IN THE STATE, THAT WE HAVE TO STEP UP AND BE A PARTNER IN THIS, OR IT WILL NEVER GET DONE. THAT'S WHY, 45 YEARS AGO WHEN THE STUDY STARTED COMING, IT'S NEVER HAPPENED. BECAUSE THERE WAS NEVER THE RESOURCE COMMITMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL AND SO THIS IS ALSO A TIMING ISSUE, THIS -- THE LEGISLATURE THAT CONVENEED IN 2013 WAS COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT, MY HOPE IS THAT THEIR ADVOCACY AND HARD WORK, WE WILL HAVE THE NEXT LEGISLATURE AND THE LEGISLATURE AFTER THAT AS COMMITTED. BUT IT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS. AND I WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO REMIND MY COLLEAGUES THAT THIS IS A UNIQUE PROCESS AND A UNIQUE BUILDING, AND WE NEED TO STAY COMMITTED TO IT. AND SO I AM HAPPY THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS, BECAUSE ELECTIONS CHANGE LEGISLATURES. SO TO CONTINUE THIS WORK AND TO DRAG IT OUT, I'M CONCERNED THAT IT WILL -- THAT THE COMMITMENT OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY NOT BE THERE IN A FEW YEARS. IN 10 YEARS. SO WE NEED TO MOVE ON THIS WHILE WE'VE GOT A PARTNERSHIP AND PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING LIKE SENATOR THOMPSON AND I DEDICATED TO GETTING THIS BUILDING BUILT.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR ADVOCACY, BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO THIS PROJECT WITHOUT YOU. WE NEED YOU AS OUR PARTNERS ALONG MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN DO. THIS. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. NOW WE HAVE TIME FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I APPRECIATE THAT SO MANY FOLKS HAVE TURNED OUT TODAY. I WOULD ASK YOU TO RESPECT THE RULES OF THE DECORUM AND NOT APPLAUD OR BOO PEOPLE DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY'RE SPEAKING TO YOUR SIDE OR TO A SIDE YOU DON'T AGREE WITH. AND I'D APPRECIATE IT IF ANYONE COULD LIMIT THEIR TESTIMONY TO TWO MINUTES. SO WHEN YOU HEAR THE BUZZER GO OFF, YOU CAN FINISH YOUR SENTENCE, BUT TRY TO KEEP REMEMBER THAT WE WOULD HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TO TESTIFY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HEAR FROM EVERYONE WHO TAKES THE TIME TO SHOW UP. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WAITING THROUGH THE OTHER BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION THIS MORNING, HOPEFULLY IT WAS INTERESTING. AND AS IS OUR PROTOCOL I'D LIKE TO INVITE ELECTED OFFICIALS UP TO SPEAK FIRST. JUDGE HENRY KANTER, DID YOU HAVE TESTIMONY THIS MORNING?

GOOD MORNING STILL.

Chair Kafoury: YES, STILL.

Judge Kanter: CHAIR KAFOURY AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME COME AND TALK TODAY. I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS AS A JUDGE. AND BEFORE THAT, I WAS A LAWYER HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND I ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE HERE USED TO MEET TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT THINGS IN PLACES LIKE THE V.Q., AND WE HAVEN'T TALKED ABOUT FROM TIME TO TIME ABOUT THE NEW COURTHOUSE THAT WAS GOING TO BE BUILT ANY DAY. I'M ONE OF 38 ELECTED JUDGES. WE ARE THE LARGEST GOVERNMENTAL BODY OF ELECTED JUDGES IN THIS COUNTY. OF ANY GOVERNMENT GROUP. WE'RE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, WE RARELY AGREE ON ANYTHING. BUT TODAY WE CAN AGREE. OUR PRESIDING JUDGE HAS CHECKED WITH THE PULSE OF THE OTHER JUDGES AND THEY KNOW THAT WHERE WE STAND IN TERMS OF TODAY'S CHOICE. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. I WANT TO JUST MENTION THREE POINTS. SAFETY, SACRIFICE, AND DIGNITY. SAFETY. WE NEED A SAFE COURTHOUSE FOR OUR CITIZENS. FOR PEOPLE WHO COME TO THE COURTHOUSE BECAUSE THEY MUST, LIKE JURORS, LIKE REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON WHO APPEARED AS A JUROR IN A TRIAL IN MY COURTHOUSE, AND WHERE WE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT COURTHOUSE ISSUES AS WELL. WE NEED TO HAVE SAFETY PROVIDED FOR JUDGES AND JUDGES' STAFF. I'LL JUST GIVE AN EXAMPLE. IN THE LAST TWO

WEEKS MY STAFF AND I HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS VOICEMAILS AND EMAILS WITH HOSTILE THREATS BECAUSE OF A RULING I MADE IN A CASE. THESE THINGS HAPPEN REGULARLY. IT IS NOT JUST ONCE IN A WHILE. HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SECURED PARKING FOR JUDGES IS VERY IMPORTANT. SACRIFICE. THERE ARE LOTS OF BUSINESSES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE SEVERELY AFFECTED BY ANY MAJOR CONSTRUCTION, SUCH AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. I JUST THINK ABOUT THE ONES THAT FACE THE SITE NUMBER TWO, JUST FOR EXAMPLE THERE'S A PLACE CALLED BRIDGETOWN PHYSICAL THERAPY WITH WINDOWS THAT SPREAD ALL OUT IN FRONT OF NUMBER TWO. THEIR BUSINESS WILL BE AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION SIGNIFICANTLY. JUST AS THE V.Q.'S WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY. SACRIFICE IS NECESSARY. DIGNITY. OUR COURTHOUSE IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COME FOR JUSTICE. THEY'VE COME THERE BEFORE, THEY'RE GOING TO COME THERE FOR A LONG TIME. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A PLACE WHICH STAND OUT AND ISN'T JUST ANOTHER OFFICE BUILDING. SO THAT THEY KNOW THEY'RE IN A PLACE OF HONOR AND DIGNITY AND WE SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE THAT. THE TIME IS NOW, OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS TO COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHOICE. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: ANY TESTIMONY? YES, MADAME CHAIR. WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME PLEASE COME FORWARD. I WILL CALL UP FOUR AT A TIME.

COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, OTHER COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS DENNIS KING. SOUNDS LIKE THE V.Q. GETS TALKED ABOUT A LOT TODAY. I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF HISTORY OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THAT BLOCK. I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE IN 1968. BOUGHT A BUILDING IN 1975 AT THE LOCATION OF 1220 SOUTHWEST 1st, WHICH IS THE SOUTH RIDGE HEAD LOT. IT BECAME MY PROPERTY IN '75, AND I BUILT A DINING ROOM IN '75, AND IT CAUSED ME TO REALIZE THAT AT THAT POINT I HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO DOWNTOWN PORTLAND'S BUSINESS GROWTH, WHICH WAS IN SORT OF AN EARLY BIRTH STAGE THERE. THERE WERE MANY BUILDINGS DOWN THERE AND I KNEW THINGS WERE GOING UP. I KNOW THE COUNTY HAS BEEN LOOK FOR PROPERTY FOR 40 YEARS. I BOUGHT MY LOT FOR \$35,000. IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN COST EFFECTIVE BACK THEN TO BUY A LOT. BUT I WANT TO FOCUS MORE ON THE KIND OF PLACE WE HAVE NOW. I HAVE AN EXECUTIVE CHEF THAT'S BEEN WITH ME FOR 21 YEARS. HER NAME IS ANNIE, OUT OF THE CIA IN NEW YORK. SHE'S A PHENOMENAL LADY THAT HAS DEVOTED HER LIFE TO MAKING THE QUANDARY A DESTINATION FOOD PLACE. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE IT BEING A DESTINATION FOOD PLACE IN A COURTHOUSE. I HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE WORKED FOR ME, THIS BEAUTIFUL LADY FOR 35 YEARS. THESE PEOPLE HAVE DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO ME. WE HAVE 75 EMPLOYEES WHO IN 2015 WILL PROBABLY BE PAID

ABOUT \$2 MILLION. THAT COMES OUT OF THE ECONOMY. I UNDERSTAND JUDGE KANTER'S EXPLANATION OF A STORE ACROSS THE STREET, I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE 75 EMPLOYEES AND DO THE VOLUME OF PAYROLL WE DO.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN CONTINUE YOUR TESTIMONY MR. KING.

THANK YOU. I THINK FROM MY HEART, EXCUSE ME. FROM MY HEART YOU ALL KNOW HOW DEDICATED I'VE BEEN TO THIS FOR SO MANY YEARS. HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF HOURS IN, TAKING CARE OF THE GARDEN AND THE BUILDING, IMPROVING THE BUILDING. INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY DOWNTOWN, I JUST HAVE FELT SO HONORED TO BE PART OF THAT GROWTH. AND TO HAVE PORTLAND'S DOWNTOWN OASIS, DINING OASIS IN THE CITY BE MINE. AND HAVE BEEN MY CREATION. I WOULD BE DEVASTATED TO LOSE IT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT WOULD STILL HAVE THAT AMBIENCE. THE ARCHITECTURE OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT BE VISIBLE FROM THE STREET. I APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE. I'VE BEEN IN THE OLD ONE AND I DEFINITELY AGREE WITH THAT. BUT I THINK THAT WITH CREATIVE ENGINEERING AND CREATIVE FINANCING YOU CAN -- I DON'T THINK AS A CULTURE WE SHOULD TEAR DOWN TREASURES TO BUILD BUILDINGS OR BRIDGES. WE SHOULD MAKE THOSE TREASURES LAST FOREVER. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT I'VE CREATED FOR DOWNTOWN PORTLAND. I WOULD LIKE THE COMMUNITY TO BE THANKFUL THAT IT'S IN, RATHER THAN TO WATCH IT LEAVE. I'M NOT SURE WE WOULD SURVIVE CONSTRUCTION. IT'S -- SHE BEGINS -- IT'S THREE DAYS TO CREATE A KITCHEN FULL OF INGREDIENTS FOR ONE NIGHT. AND IF WE HAVE INTERRUPTIVE PERIODS DURING CONSTRUCTION, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE FOR ALL OF US, ACTUALLY. I JUST FEEL THE CONTINUITY OF THE RESTAURANT WOULD BE LOST. AND THE FACT IT WOULD BE -- IT WOULD NOT BE A DESTINATION RESTAURANT ANY LONGER. THE MODERN HOTEL, THE NINES, HEATHMAN, BENSON, THEY SEND US TOURISTS IN DROVES BECAUSE THE V.Q. REPRESENTS WHAT PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT PORTLAND. IT'S FILLED WITH REGIONAL FARMER PRODUCE, AND LAMB, AND ALL OF THE WINES OF OREGON ARE DEMONSTRATED IN THE WINE CELLAR. IT'S JUST -- IT'S JUST TOO LOCAL OF A PHENOMENON. IT HELPS DEFINE PORTLAND. AND I THINK WE LOSE SOME OF OUR IDENTITY IF WE DON'T PRESERVE THOSE TREASURES. AND I'M ALSO VERY PROUD OF IT. AND I LOVE SOME OF THESE PEOPLE HERE -- TODAY. I'M HERE BECAUSE -- WE'RE HERE BECAUSE WE ALL LOVE EACH OTHER. IT'S JUST TOO AMAZING. YOU CAN'T -- YOU CAN'T JUST ERASE IT FROM THE SKYLINE OF PORTLAND AND HAVE PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES. I WOULD BET THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE HAD AN EXPERIENCE THERE THAT WAS A POSITIVE ONE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

HELLO CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M GOING TO READ REALLY FAST BECAUSE I TIMED IT TO BE THREE MINUTES. MY NAME IS LINDSEY KING AND I GREW UP IN THE V.Q. IT IS MY FATHER'S PLACE. AND MY HOME. THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE AND COME THROUGH OUR DOORS ARE MY FAMILY. I FULLY SUPPORT YOUR GOAL OF BUILDING A MODERN COURTHOUSE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. HOWEVER I QUESTION WHETHER THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS TO COME AT THE EXPENSE OF A TREASURED FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU DO YOU SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY VALUES, DOES OUR FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS HAVE A FUTURE IN THE CITY WE'VE SERVED FOR GENERATIONS, WILL DEVELOPMENT COME AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CULTURE AND HISTORY THAT MAKES US PROUD TO LIVE IN PORTLAND? AS YOU WEIGH YOUR OPTIONS, PLEASE CONSIDER, THE V.Q. EMPLOYS OVER 70 PEOPLE AND PAYS \$1.5 MILLION IN WAGES ANNUALLY. THE V.Q. SPENDS OVER \$1.6 MILLION ON LOCAL PRODUCTS SUPPORTING FAMILY FARMS, RANCHERS, WINEMAKERS, BAKERIES, COFFEE ROASTERS, BREWERS, AND OTHERS EVERY YEAR. IN OTHER WORDS, WITH THE TERRIFIC SUPPORT OF OUR CUSTOMERS, THE V.Q. PUTS OVER \$3 MILLION INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY ANNUALLY AND WE'RE GROWING EVERY YEAR. FURTHERMORE, THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL CHEF, THE V.Q. IS A PILLAR OF PORTLAND'S IDENTITY. HAVE YOU SEEN OUR COMMUNITY VALUES AS TREMENDOUSLY. THEY COME TO CELEBRATE COLLEGE GRADUATIONS AND SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES, THEY BRING FAMILY FROM OUT OF TOWN, THOUGH BRING IMPORTANT CLIENTS AND FIRST DATES. THE COMMUNITY TREASURES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT ON OUR PATIO SURROUNDED BY MY FATHER'S FLOWERS, FRAMED BITE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE AND AN OPEN SKY. ALL OF THIS WOULD BE DESTROYED BY A 15-STORY COURTHOUSE. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT WE ARE ALL HERE FIGHTING FOR THE V.Q. THE V.Q. IS A CULTURAL TREASURE OF IMMENSE VALUE TO GENERATION OF PEOPLE IN OUR CITY, IT IS NOT COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE THESE KIND OF PLACES, BUT I THINK IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO APPRECIATE THEM AND AT THE VERY LEAST NOT DESTROY THEM. SOME OF YOU WILL MAKE THE POINT ARE YOU NOT PROPOSING TO TEAR US DOWN. BUT WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF AN INTENSIVE THREE TO FOUR-YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON OUR BUSINESS. FRANKLY I'M AFRAID IN 120-YEAR-OLD BRICK STRUCTURE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE 200,000 PEOPLE THAT WALK THROUGH OUR DOORS EVERY YEAR. AND OUR EMPLOYEES. IN THE FACT REMAINS THERE IS A WAY OUT. THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO BE AN EITHER/OR. YOU CAN SUCCEED IN BUILDING A MODERN COURTHOUSE ON YOUR CURRENT TIME LINE WITHOUT SACRIFICING A TREASURED SMALL BUSINESS. I URGE YOU TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE KOIN PARK LOT AND THE THIRD OPTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY. IF YOU NEED SOME HELP WITH THAT, I HAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE READY TO GO. I AM ASKING TO YOU DO SOMETHING PHENOMENAL HERE, PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND MAKE THIS A WIN FOR SMALL BUSINESS,

THE WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY AND A WIN FOR THE COURTHOUSE. GET US ALL ON THE SAME TEAM. WE'RE ON YOUR TEAM. WE WANT THIS COURTHOUSE. BUT WE WANT YOU TO BE ON OUR TEAM TOO. FINALLY, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS WILL BE A LONG PROCESS, AND ASK THAT YOU BE MORE INCLUSIVE IN YOUR APPROACH WITH THE BUSINESSES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHO ARE HERE TO SUPPORT THE V.Q. ARE YOU MY FAMILY.

SO, I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS OF THE V.Q., AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE, AS I KNOW THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN CONSIDERING DOING, DOING EVERYTHING THAT IT CAN TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS ON WHETHER IT IS THE V.Q. OR ANY SMALL BUSINESSES THAT ARE HERE AROUND THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. BUT BACK TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE. EVERY TIME THAT I OR A MEMBER OF MY FIRM GOES TO THE COURTHOUSE TO FILE PAPERS OR APPEAR IN FRONT OF A JUDGE OR JURY, WE HAVE TO HOPE THAT IT IS NOT THE DAY THAT AN EARTHQUAKE HITS. I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY MAY NOT MOURN THE LOSS OF AN ATTORNEY, EVERY DAY HUNDREDS OF COURT STAFF, WITNESSES, AND CHILDREN OF PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED IN TO COURT WALK THROUGH THAT BUILDING. AS A COMMISSION, FOCUSED ON EQUITY, I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO REMIND YOU OF THE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE OUR MOST VULNERABLE. WHO ARE THE IMPOVERISHED, THE PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT ARE MOST FREQUENTLY THERE. AND THERE ARE CHILDREN THERE BECAUSE THIS COMMUNITY HAS MADE IT A PRIORITY THAT LACK OF CHILD CARE DOESN'T IMPEDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON MENTIONED, EVERY DAY OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, COLLEAGUES AND NEIGHBORS, ORDINARY CITIZENS ARE COMMANDED BY THE STATE TO BE THERE TO FULFILL THEIR DUTY AS CIVIC JURORS, AND SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO PROCEED WITH THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

I'M STANDING BEHIND MY MAN.

Chair Kafoury: GO AHEAD AND START.

GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM A PARTNER AT PERKINS COOEY, A COMMERCIAL LITIGATION PRACTICE WHERE I REPRESENT BUSINESSES IN TRIAL. I'M ALSO A VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OREGON AND I REPRESENT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, CONTESTED RESTRAINING ORDER HEARINGS AND I'M ALSO A CASA, A VOLUNTEER, COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF A JUVENILE IN A DEPENDENCY PROCEEDING HERE, AND I AM A RESIDENT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHO HAS REPORTED TO THE COURTHOUSE FOR JURY DUTY. I'M HERE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR REACHING THIS POINT. I'VE

SERVED ON YOUR COMMITTEES. SEEN CREATIVE THINKING BY YOU, THE STATE, JUDGES, AND OTHERS TO LEAD US HERE TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS. I WANTED TO TELL YOU BRIEFLY, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU HAVE HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE GATEWAY CENTER. I REPRESENTED A CLIENT RECENTLY WHO GOT A RESTRAINING ORDER THROUGH THE GATEWAY CENTER. VERY SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR HER TO DO SO. BUT SHE HAD TO COME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN DOWNTOWN TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS. AND SHE MET WITH ME THROUGH LEGAL AID AND WHEN WE WERE GOING TO COURT, I ADVISED HER THAT THE COURTROOM THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE IN IS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR. I WANT YOU TO MEET ME ON THE 5th FLOOR BECAUSE THAT WAY WE CAN MEET SAFELY, YOU WON'T CONFRONT YOUR ABUSER, WHO HAS VICTIMIZED YOU FOR NEARLY 10 YEARS. SHE DID THAT. WE WALKED SAFELY WHEN THE TIME FOR US TO GO TO THE COURTROOM. THOSE ARE THE STEPS THAT VICTIMS HAVE TO TAKE TODAY TO STAY SAFE IN THAT BUILDING. SO, WITH THAT, I KNOW YOU HAVE A HARD DECISION. YOU'VE HAD MANY HARD DECISIONS AND MANY MORE TO COME. BUT PLEASE TAKE THIS STEP AND MOVE FORWARD NOW. TIME IS RIGHT. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY AND CONGRATULATIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING. RABBI EMANUEL ROSE. PERHAPS IT'S TRITE TO SAY THAT THE V.Q. IS AN ICON, BUT IT IS TRITE BECAUSE IT IS A TRUISM. WHEN MY WIFE AND I FIRST CAME TO PORTLAND, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, ABOUT 54 YEARS AGO, THE CITY WAS STODGY. THE BEST IMAGE I CAN CONJURE UP IS A WRINKLED RAINCOAT. IT WAS -- IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM TO BE REAL LIFE. AND NO COFFEE HOUSES, BY THE WAY. AND THROUGH THE YEARS, I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT WAYS, IN A DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS BECAUSE WE WERE LOSING A LOT OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY WOULD GO AWAY TO COLLEGE AND SAY GOODBYE. NOW THINGS HAVE BEEN REVERSED. NOW WE HAVE A WONDERFUL MODERN, THRIVING, PULSATING COMMUNITY WHERE SO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE NOW DECIDED TO COME BACK TO PORTLAND AND NOT TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR OPPORTUNITY. WE HAVE AN EXCITING CITY. PEOPLE ARE NOW BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THIS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE'VE HEARD IT TIME AND TIME AGAIN. NOW, MUCH AS I HAVE SUPPORTED GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGE, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT I BELIEVE THAT ALL THAT IS NEW IS GOOD NOR ALL THAT IS OLD IS BAD. OUR CITY HAS A MARVELOUS, MARVELOUS OASIS. WE SHOULDN'T LOSE IT. GATHERING PLACE, TO WALK INTO THAT PLACE IS THE FEEL OF A PULSE, OF PULSATING CITY. A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO GO OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT IS A MARVELOUS PLACE. WE SHOULD NOT EVER LET THAT PLACE GO. WE HAVE THE LUXURY BECAUSE WE ARE IN SUCH A FINE SITUATION AS A CITY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF HUMAN PROBLEMS, I RECOGNIZE THAT, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TODAY.

WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY CONSERVE SOMETHING OF THE OLD THAT IS GOOD IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND I HAVE ONE LAST COMMENT. UNDER THE PROJECT GOALS, IT SAYS THAT IT HAS TO BE BUILT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY, DEFENDANTS, LITIGANTS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PUBLIC FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS. I PROMISE YOU THAT I WILL PAY MY TICKETS AT THAT COURTHOUSE AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION THAN THIS ONE THAT WE'RE NOW TALKING ABOUT, AND ALSO MY WIFE WILL PAY HER TICKETS, BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO PAY FOR THEM.

I WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK BUT MAY I JUST FOR A FEW MOMENTS? JUST TO SAY THAT THE V.Q. HAS BEEN THERE FOR --

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME.

LORRAINE ROSE, WIFE OF THE FORMER SPEAKER. IT STANDS THERE AS A WELCOME PLACE FOR DINERS, CELEBRANTS, INTIMATE GATHERING PLACE FOR OLD FRIENDS TO REFLECT. THE BEST MEALS YOU CAN FIND INTO OUR BEAUTIFUL PORTLAND. WHERE ELSE CAN YOU HAVE OUTSIDE DINING, MAGICAL GORGEOUS GARDENS. WHERE ELSE IS THE FOOD FIRST CLASS, HELP SO ATTENDANT AND PROFESSIONAL AND ONE OF THE LARGEST WINE CELLARS AROUND, A SPECIAL OCCASION WITH FRIENDS. MY HUSBAND AND I WILL OF COURSE -- WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY THIS VENERABLE PLACE, THIS ICON FOR MANY YEARS TO COME PROVIDING HAPPY MEMORIES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

I'M A SECOND GENERATION, LIFE-LONG COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION. MY LAST 12 HAVE BEEN IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND JOB SUPERINTENDENT. MY COMMENTS ARE MORE OR LESS PRAGMATIC. IF I WAS IN CHARGE OF DOING THIS BUILDING, THE NEW COURTHOUSE, HAS I HAVE DONE WHEN I DID THE EUGENE FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE WHICH I DID WHEN I WAS A JOB SUPERINTENDENT ON THE BEND CITY HALL, AND ALSO THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ALL THREE HAVE A JUDICIARY COMPONENT, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO BUILD ON EITHER ONE OF THESE SITES AND I'M NOT SURE IT MAKES ANY SENSE. COMMISSIONER BAILEY HAS ALLUDED TO THE PARCEL ADJACENT NORTH OF THE FEDERAL BUILDING. NOT ONLY WOULD THAT MAKE CONSTRUCTION SENSE, BECAUSE IT HAS A ONE THIRD BLOCK JUST NORTH OF IT THAT IS NOW A BROWNFIELD THAT YOU COULD STAGE ON. ALSO ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE MAX LINE ON YAMHILL. WE HAVE TWO ABOVE PARKING STRUCTURES THERE. BUT WHEN WE WERE DOING THE FEDERAL COURT BUILDINGS, THEY PUT IN THREE UNDERGROUND PASSAGeways, ONE FOR COURT SECURITY, WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED. ONE FOR GENERAL UTILITY, THE OTHER FOR THE VERY IMPORTANT PRISONER TRANSFER. ANYBODY WHO KNOWS COURTHOUSES, KNOWS THAT IS A LARGE COMPONENT AND COST,

PRISONER HOUSING MAINTENANCE AND TRANSFER. IF THIS NEW COURTHOUSE WAS SITED IN THAT AREA, YOU WOULD HAVE A MALL OF OUR JUDICIARY LAW ENFORCEMENT, YOU WOULD HAVE UNDERGROUND PASSAGEWAYS JUST ONE BLOCK TO TRANSFER PRISONERS. WE'RE NOT MOVING A FAR DISTANCE FROM THE EXISTING COURTHOUSE, ALL ANCILLARY BUSINESSES WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. LAWNS DALE SQUARE, LAWNSDALE PARK. I MIGHT ADD THAT I HAVE NEVER GOTTEN INVOLVED IN ANY MEETINGS OR I WOULD HAVE SAID THIS AT AN EARLIER TIME. I THINK WE OUGHT TO REVISIT THAT SITE. THAT SITE RIGHT NOW, THE CURRENT NORTHEAST CORNER IS BOARDED UP. THE OTHER CORNER, WHICH THE BLOCK IS NAMED FOR, THE AUDITORIUM. NEVER BEEN A VIABLE BUSINESS THERE. I KNOW I WAS BORN AND RAISED DOWNTOWN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

PLEASE DON'T TELL ANY OF THE MEMBERS OF MY CONGREGATION ABOUT THAT BUZZER. [LAUGHTER]

DOUGLAS BRAY, ANNIE, ELIZABETH FLEMMING AND DALE McGUIRE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONER. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE COURTHOUSE SEEKING A SOLUTION FOR THE COURTHOUSE FOR MY 25 YEARS HERE IN THE -- IN THE PORTLAND AREA SERVING THE CIRCUIT COURT. FOUNDATION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION IS THE RULE OF LAW. IN AMERICA THE RULE OF LAW TAKES PLACE THROUGH OUR LOCAL COURTHOUSES. IN THAT ROLE, COURTHOUSE IS AN IMPORTANT CENTER FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IT PROVIDES ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL REGARDLESS OF SOCIAL ECONOMIC STANDING OR DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS. OWNER REPRESENTATIVES AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TEAM HAVE FOLLOWED THE COUNTY PROCESS IN BRINGING TO YOU THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE PREFERRED SITE AND SECONDARY SITE FOR THE NEW DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. AS THE OWNER AND DEVELOPER OF THE WESTERN HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD SITE, YOU FACED THE SAME DECISION ANY OTHER DEVELOPER FACES IN DETERMINING HOW THAT SITE SHALL BE USED. DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY IN THE CENTRAL CITY REFLECTS A COINCIDENCE OF INVESTMENT, OPPORTUNITY, STRATEGY, AND IT TAKES COURAGE AND VISION. THE OPPORTUNITY THAT IS HERE NOW BEFORE YOU IS THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S COMMITMENT TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNTIES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN STATE HISTORY ON THE FUNDING OF COURT FACILITIES. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMSON POINTED THAT OUT TO YOU. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE ON MAKING THESE DECISIONS. THE WINDOW IS OPEN AND THAT IS A CRITICAL, CRITICAL PIECE. THE OTHER ISSUE IS THAT IN ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT, IN A CENTRAL

CITY, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE THE ISSUES AROUND DISPLACED BUSINESSES AND SURROUNDING BUSINESSES AND HOW YOU PROTECT THEM. COUNTY HAS A PROCESS ONCE A SITE IS DESIGNATED AS A PREFERRED SITE TO GO THROUGH AND WORK WITH THOSE ENTITIES -- THANK YOU.

HI, MY NAME IS ANNIE. I AM DENNY'S -- THE V.Q. HAS BEEN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY FOR ME. I HAVE BEEN THERE 20 YEARS. THANK YOU, DENNY. IT HAS ALSO BEEN A LIFETIME FOR MY SOUS CHEFS, HEATHER AND VICTOR, THEY RAISED THEIR CHILDREN WHILE WORKING AT V.Q. THEY HAVE EACH BEEN THERE 15 YEARS AND MORE. THE QUANDARY SO IMPORTANT -- MANAGED TO STAY RELEVANT FOR 44 YEARS. I CAN TELL YOU THAT IT HAS BEEN NO EASY TASK. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF UPS AND DOWNS AND CHALLENGES. WE HAVE TRIED TO ADAPT TO STAY RELEVANT AND KEEP UP WITH THE YOUNG EXCITING PLACES AND I THINK WE HAVE DONE A PRETTY GOOD JOB. THE V.Q. IS AMAZING AND MORE THAN THAT, IT'S UNUSUAL. AND I'M JUST HERE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE VALUE. YOU KNOW, IT IS MORE THAN JUST A RESTAURANT, IT IS A FAMILY OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THEIR LIVES THERE. WE HAVE A VALUE THAT IS NOT BEING COUNTED ON THE LISTS. WE'RE TAXPAYERS, VOTERS, WE'RE HARD WORKERS. WE HAVE PUT OUR LIFE AT V.Q. FIRST. IT'S A COMMON GOAL. WE WANT TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY. WE WANT TO STAY. AND I THINK IT SHOULD BE THE LAST RESORT. NOT THE FIRST RESORT ON YOUR LIST. IF THERE WAS NO OTHER PLACE FOR THE COURTHOUSE, FINE. BUT THERE IS. THERE IS A PARKING LOT. AND I FEEL LIKE WE'RE UNDERVALUED BEING FIRST ON THAT LIST. SO HOPEFULLY YOU WILL HEAR FROM MORE OF US AND THAT WILL CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, HI, I'M ELIZABETH FLEMMING. I WORK AT THE V.Q. I AM BRAND NEW TO PORTLAND. I MOVED HERE THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE FROM HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY, AND I LOVE PORTLAND. I HAVE BEEN VISITING HERE FOR FIVE YEARS. FIRST RESTAURANT I CAME TO WAS THE V.Q. WHEN I VISITED FIVE YEARS AGO AND I KNEW THEN THAT IT WAS VERY SPECIAL AND I KNOW IT NOW. COMING FROM A PLACE THAT IS SO BUILT UP, SO MANY PEOPLE, NO GREENERY, OR BARELY ANY, I THINK THAT THIS PLACE IS VERY SPECIAL FOR VERY -- FOR A LOT OF REASONS, ONE OF WHICH THE FACT THAT YOU CAN BE SO PROGRESSIVE AND STILL BE SO GREEN AND THAT THERE IS PRIDE IN CRAFT HERE THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING THAT GREAT AS YOU GUYS HAVE HERE. AND IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET THIS COURTHOUSE BUILT AND I REALLY HOPE THAT THIS HAPPENS SOON FOR EVERYONE. IT'S TERRIFYING THAT IT HAS BEEN 40 YEARS AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE ABOUT IT OR NOTHING HAS GONE THROUGH. I'M SURE YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT GETTING THIS FAR. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MY VISION OF PORTLAND ISN'T TAKING AWAY FROM SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 45 YEARS. I THINK THERE

IS SO MUCH PRIDE AND INTELLIGENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU WOULD CHOOSE TO BUILD ON TOP OF A RESTAURANT THAT HAS BEEN THERE FOR 45 YEARS, RATHER THAN A PARKING LOT. IT SEEMS LIKE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF RESEARCH. I KNOW THAT I JUST HEARD THE LOTUS BUILDING IS NOT GOING TO WORK BECAUSE OF HISTORIC VALUE AND ZONING. SAME WITH THE V.Q., RIGHT? WE HAVE OUR HISTORIC BUILDING NEXT DOOR AND THERE IS ZONING ISSUES THERE. AND THEY MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS 1,300 RESPONDENTS FOR A THREE-MONTH SURVEY ONLINE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO GET THIS PREFERRED SITE DOWN PAT. WE HAVE HAD A PETITION ONLINE FOR THREE DAYS AND WE'VE HAD CLOSE TO 3,000 PEOPLE SIGN UP. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT YOU'RE SAYING GREAT VISIBILITY TO MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT IMPORTANCE AND COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE IN THE COMMUNITY. THAT'S PART OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SITE SELECTION PROCESS SPIEL RIGHT NOW, AND THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING. MADAM KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS. I WOULD LIKE TO START BY THANKING THE BOARD FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. HAVING BEEN EMPLOYED AT V.Q. FOR OVER 30 YEARS, NOTHING HAS BEEN MORE POSITIVE TO THE COMMUNITY THAN THE V.Q. PATIO. TOURISTS AND PEOPLE WANTING TO RELOCATE TO OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY TRULY ENJOY THE PATIO, AS DO MANY OF PORTLAND RESIDENTS. UNDERSTANDING THAT A MUCH-NEEDED COURTHOUSE IS INEVITABLE, BUT NOT ON THAT PROPERTY. IT IS ALREADY CONGESTED AND FAR TOO MANY ACCIDENTS, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIANS, WHICH I HAVE SEEN WHILE WORKING THE PATIO. IT WOULD JUST BE TOO CROWDED. DON'T CROWD US OUT. WE HAVE PAID ON THAT PROPERTY IN TAXES AND MAINTENANCE. WE CAN SHARE A SPACE BUT PLEASE DON'T CROWD US OUT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD AND START, SIR, THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

MY NAME IS MICHAEL CLARK. I LIVE IN THE DALLES AT THE TOP OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE. I'M CEO OF A COMPANY THAT OPERATES OUT OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER ON SOUTHWEST SALMON, WHICH I FOUND IMPORTANT WHEN I MOVED HERE FROM GREAT BRITAIN IN 2010. I HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE SITES THIS MORNING. I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS ABOUT EXCAVATION, ABOUT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS, VOLUME, AND THE COST OF THE ARCHITECTURE ON THAT SITE BUT I WILL COME BACK WITH THOSE AT ANOTHER TIME. IT IS IRONIC THAT I WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO THE V.Q. BY A LAWYER WHO IS NOW SUPPOSEDLY LOOKING FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE. I WAS JUST TALKING ON THE PHONE MONDAY TO VISITORS

SCHEDULED TO VISIT WITH MY FAMILY FROM THE U.K. NEXT JUNE. ON MY LIST OF HAVE-SEES FROM MOUNT HOOD DOWNWARDS, IT INCLUDED THE V.Q. I'M PROUD TO ENTERTAIN BUSINESSES -- BUSINESS VISITORS FROM AROUND THE NATION AND OVERSEAS AT THE V.Q. TO GIVE THEM A FINE EXPERIENCE AND TASTE OF PORTLAND. TO ME PORTLAND IS A UNIQUE CITY. SOME SAY WEIRD. IT'S A CITY WITH MANY ICONS AND SPECIAL THINGS THAT MAKE IT SPECIAL, THAT MAKE PORTLAND THE STREETCAR, THE -- PIONEER SQUARE, THE PEARL, JAPANESE GARDEN, WATERFRONT AND OUR BRIDGES. THE VERITABLE QUANDARY -- WITH VIEWS ACROSS THE WATERFRONT AND DOWN FIRST AVENUE. TO LOOK AT ITS OLD STYLE ARCHITECTURE IT HELPS US KNOW THAT IN AMERICAN TERMS, PORTLAND HAS HISTORY. A LITTLE CLOSE TO THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL. THE V.Q. IS MORE THAN JUST AN EXCELLENT RESTAURANT. ELEGANCE, STYLE, TRADITION BUILT MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF COMMITMENT, NOT JUST BY ITS OWNER, BUT ALSO BY MANY LONG-TERM MEMBERS OF THE LOYAL AND DEDICATED TEAM OF EMPLOYEES. THE CARE AND EFFORT THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ESTABLISH A BEAUTIFUL TERRACE GARDEN CREATED A WONDERFUL OASIS OFF OF THE SIDEWALK AND LINKS TO THE GREEN GRASS SPACE REMAINING IN AMONGST THE HIGH RISES. THIS IS NOT JUST A RESTAURANT. IT IS AN INSTITUTION.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, SIR, FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ERIN HOKELAND, A MULTNOMAH RESIDENT AS WELL AS A TAXPAYER. I AM THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE VERITABLE QUANDARY. I HAVE WORKED THERE FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS. IT IS MY FAMILY, MY HOME. DECEMBER 15th, LATE DECEMBER 15th, I FILED A PETITION ON A WEB SITE CALLED CHANGE OREGON. I HAVE GIVEN YOU ALL A COPY OF EVERYONE THAT HAS SENT IN A REQUEST AND THEIR COMMENTS. I HAVE RECEIVED OVER 2,675 SIGNATURES ON THAT PETITION. WITH THAT BEING SAID, THERE IS A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS FOR THE PAST 48 HOURS. AND YOU CAN IMAGINE IF WE HAD MORE TIME, HOW MANY MORE OPINIONS THAT YOU WOULD RECEIVE. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU SOME KEY FACTS ABOUT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY, ALSO KNOWN AS THE V.Q. WE PAY OUT \$1.7 MILLION IN PAYROLL A YEAR. V.Q. PUTS OUT \$3.4 MILLION TO OUR ECONOMY, TO OUR LOCAL PURVEYORS. THAT IS WHAT WE GIVE TO THE COMMUNITY. AND THAT'S WHAT YOU WOULD BE TAKING AWAY FROM US IF OUR RESTAURANT WASN'T TO SURVIVE YOUR COURTHOUSE. AND I WANT TO STRESS TO YOU THAT THIS PETITION WAS NOT AGAINST YOUR COURTHOUSE, IT WAS AGAINST THE PREFERRED LOCATION OF YOUR COURTHOUSE. THERE ARE 75 EMPLOYEES OUT AT MY RESTAURANT WITH 75 FAMILIES, 75 KIDS PLUS AND MORE TO COME. THIS COURTHOUSE WILL COST US \$250 MILLION TO \$260 THAT YOU SAID THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO PAY

BACK. OUR PATIO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF OUR BUSINESS. IT IS THE VERITABLE QUANDARY. I'M SURE IF YOU HAVE EVER DINED THERE BEFORE, YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO US. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

I'M AN EMPLOYEE AT VERITABLE QUANDARY FOR ABOUT SEVEN YEARS NOW. IT IS -- IT IS A PLACE THAT IS RUN AND CONTROLLED, IT IS NICE TO SEE A LOT OF WOMEN ON THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN BAILEY, YOU PROBABLY UNDERSTAND, IT IS NICE WORKING WITH A LOT OF STRONG, POWERFUL WOMEN. THINGS HAPPEN. THINGS GET DONE. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THAT BEING SAID, I'LL BE -- I DIDN'T PREPARE ANYTHING. WE HAVE ALL TALKED ABOUT A LOT OF SERIOUS THINGS TODAY, HOMELESS ISSUES, DISCUSSED ABOUT THE SMOKING AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND THE THING ABOUT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY. WE ALL NEED A COURTHOUSE. I WOULD LOVE FOR US TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE THERE WAS NO PAIN, ANGER, HURT, THEFT, BUT WE DO. WE NEED COURTHOUSE. IT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. WE TALK ABOUT EARTHQUAKES. WE ALSO NEED TO TALK ABOUT FLOODING BEING IN THAT LOCATION SO CLOSE TO THE WATER. DOWNTOWN FLOODED BEFORE. IF IT FLOODS AGAIN, WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRISONERS, TO THE PLACE -- IT IS GOING TO HAVE TO SHUT DOWN. THAT IS SOMETHING TO CONSIDER AND THINK ABOUT. AND, YEAH, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND LIKE I SAID, WORKING FOR DENNIS KING I HAVE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE AND HE IS A MAN AMONGST MEN AND HE HAS HELPED ME ACHIEVE A LOT OF THINGS IN MY LIFE, ACHIEVE MY AMERICAN GOAL OF BEING A HOMEOWNER AND LIVE IN -- LIVING FORTUNATELY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

HI, MY NAME IS MATT MORRISSEY. THIS IS MAGGIE. I THOUGHT SHE WOULD LEARN MORE HERE THAN AT SCHOOL TODAY SO I TOOK HER OUT. I'M ONE OF THE MANAGERS AT THE V.Q. I WANT TO SHARE A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS. I SAT HERE ON TUESDAY AND LISTENED TO THE PRESENTATION OF THE COURTHOUSE PROPOSAL. I THINK THAT THIS PROPOSAL TAKES A LOT OF THINGS ON FACE. -- FAITH THAT THE LAND, THE COUNTRY OWNS, WILL ULTIMATELY SAVE MORE TAXPAYER MONEY THAN BUYING AND BUILDING ON THE ALTERNATE LOT -- CONVOLUTED -- WHAT I AM TRYING TO SAY, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THEIR ASSURANCES THAT IT IS GOING TO BE ANY CHEAPER AFTER ALL IS SAID AND DONE THAT BECAUSE YOU OWN THE LAND, TO BUILD NEXT TO US, FAITH THAT THE ZONING VARIANCE WILL PASS AND ALLOW YOU TO BUILD TO THE HEIGHT YOU WOULD LIKE AND NOT HAVE TO BUILD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE HEAD. FAITH THAT YOU ARE NOT CREATING A PERMANENT TRAFFIC AND LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE ON THE SOUTH END OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE WHERE IT MEETS NAITO. FAITH THAT RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE A MASSIVE COURTHOUSE AS THEY CROSS

THE BRIDGE. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED A LOT TODAY. WOW, YOU WILL CROSS THE BRIDGE AND THERE IT IS, THE COURTHOUSE. AND EVERYONE IS GOING TO FEEL GREAT ABOUT THAT. THERE IS A LOT OF RESIDENTS WHO ENJOY THE FACT THAT IT IS PRISTINELY MANICURED GREEN SPACE WITH AN AMAZING GARDEN THAT MATTERS TO A LOT -- SORRY -- MATTERS TO A LOT OF PEOPLE IN A CONCRETE JUNGLE. PERHAPS THE BIGGEST LEAP AT ALL IS FAITH THAT THE V.Q. WILL SURVIVE THE LOSS OF THE ICONIC PATIO AND GARDEN AS WELL AS THREE PLUS YEAR OF INTENSE CONSTRUCTION. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I DON'T KNOW A LOT OF GUESTS WHO TEND TO DINE WITH EAR PLUGS AT THE V.Q. ULTIMATELY THAT IS A LOT OF FAITH THAT IS BEING PUT INTO YOUR PROPOSAL. HERE IS WHAT I KNOW. V.Q. HAS BEEN A PART OF PORTLAND FOR 40 YEARS AND, YOU KNOW, BEYOND THAT, I THINK THAT IT IS THE TYPE OF PLACE THAT SHOULD BE HONORED LIKE DENNY SAID.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

HELLO. MY NAME IS PATRICK -- I MOVED TO PORTLAND FOR THE SOLE REASON TO GO TO CULINARY SCHOOL AND WORK AT A PHENOMENAL RESTAURANT. VERITABLE QUANDARY WAS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST AND WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO GET THE JOB RIGHT AWAY. THE FIRST PLACE I APPLIED TO AND THE ONLY PLACE I APPLIED TO. HAVING TWO CULINARY DEGREES, I LEARNED MORE AT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY -- IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR YOUNG COOKS LIKE ME IN THE NEXT UPCOMING YEAR AND FOR THE LAST 40 YEARS TO REALLY SET AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT FINE DINING SHOULD BE AND TO EDUCATE THE KIDS GOING THROUGH THE SYSTEM. NOT ONLY PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT, BUT LIFE-LONG KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE KITCHEN. AND I'M JUST SO, SO THANKFUL TO BE WORKING UNDER CHEF ANNIE AND DENNIS KING. THEY HAVE BEEN SO AMAZING WITH EVERYTHING THAT THEY HAVE TAUGHT ME, ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THEY HAVE GIVEN ME. I WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST EMPLOYEES THAT I HIRED AT 18 YEARS OF AGE AND I WORKED MY WAY UP DILIGENTLY AND THEY REWARDED MY HARD WORK AND EFFORTS AND JUST BE A REAL, REAL SHAME TO LOSE THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DANA SULLIVAN, AND I AM CURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF THE MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION. AS YOU KNOW, THE MULTNOMAH BAR ASSOCIATION LEADER

THERE IS NO DISPUTE THAT THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE IS UNSAFE. IMPERATIVE THAT A NEW SITE BE IDENTIFIED NOW SO THAT THE PROJECT OF BUILDING A NEW COURTHOUSE CAN PROCEED. THE COURTHOUSE PROJECT IS RELIANT UPON FUNDING FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES. THE MORE COSTLY THE PROJECT BECOMES, OR THE MORE HURDLES THAT MUST BE SCALED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, THE MORE LIKELY IT BECOMES THAT SOME CRITICAL ASPECT OF THE FUNDING WILL BE JEOPARDIZED. THE

HAWTHORNE BRIDGE HEAD SITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE PROJECT TEAM TO BE THE LOWER COST OPTION AND THE OPTION THAT PRESENTS FEWER HURDLES FOR COMPLETION. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY IS A WONDERFUL ESTABLISHMENT. AND THAT'S WHY THE PROJECT TEAM HAS EXPRESSED THEIR COMMITMENT TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO FIND WAYS TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION TO THE V.Q.'S BUSINESS. HAVING RECENTLY TRAVELED TO THE WALL STREET DISTRICT IN NEW YORK AND TO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT IN BOSTON, YOU SEE HOW CITIES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY BEEN ABLE TO INTEGRATE BUILDINGS THAT ARE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD CHEEK BY JOWL WITH MODERN BUILDINGS FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. THE SAME CAN BE DONE HERE AND WE URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE PENDING RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD AFTERNOON, SORRY.

MY NAME IS JADE. I'M AN EMPLOYEE AT V.Q. AND I LIVE SIX BLOCKS UP FROM THERE. TUESDAY WE WERE PRESENTED WITH A STRONG CASE AS TO WHY THE FIRST AND JEFFERSON LOCATION IS THE PREFERRED SITE FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE. HOWEVER, LORETTA SMITH ASKED WHAT I THOUGHT WAS A PRETTY SIMPLE QUESTION REGARDING WHICH SITE WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE BUILD AND BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY IF THE COUNTY DID, IN FACT, OWN BOTH LOCATIONS. THE FACT THAT J.D. DESCHAMPS WAS NOT ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, MAKES ME QUESTION THE SOUNDNESS OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL AND THE SCORING SYSTEM USED TO RANK BOTH SITES. SINCE THE PRESENTERS ON TUESDAY SPOKE TO THE POSITIVES OF THE FIRST AND JEFFERSON LOCATION, I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT SOME OF CONSEQUENCES. THIS IS FROM OUR WEB SITE, OASIS IN THE HEART OF THE CITY, AND IN THE SPRING AND SUMMER OUR PATIO IS SURROUNDED BY A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN THAT DENNY BRINGS TO LIFE HIMSELF. PATIO ACCOUNTS FOR A HUGE PERCENTAGE OF OUR CAPACITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THAT'S NOT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THE PATIO BRINGS IN MORE FOOT TRAFFIC. WE STAY BUSY FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME AND OUR CUSTOMERS ARE LIKELY GOING TO SPEND MORE MONEY WHILE ENJOYING THE SUN ON OUR PATIO. V.Q. IS ENGULFED IN CONCRETE, WE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO CALL OURSELVES AN OASIS. NEW COURTHOUSE FIRST AND JEFFERSON WOULD CHANGE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR RESTAURANT AND THREATEN ITS FUTURE EXISTENCE. I HAVE NO DOUBT THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM HAVING US WITH NEIGHBORS BUT I HAVE OUR DOUBTS ON THE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN ONCE THE COUNTY HAS FORCED THEMSELVES UPON US. I WANT YOU TO KNOW IF THE FIRST AND JEFFERSON LOCATION IS CHOSEN AND V.Q. HAS TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS AS A LATENT CONSEQUENCE, SOMETHING WILL BE TAKEN FROM US

THAT IS TRULY IRREPLACEABLE. THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT JOB SECURITY. I CAN ALWAYS GO GET ANOTHER JOB. THIS IS ABOUT THE FACT THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER VERITABLE QUANDARY. IT IS ABOUT PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY. FOR MANY OF US THAT WORK AND DINE AT V.Q., IT IS MORE THAN JUST A RESTAURANT, IT IS ABOUT COMMUNITY, A SENSE OF BELONGING. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED A NEW COURTHOUSE, EXCITED FOR OUR CITY TO HAVE THAT, BUT I WANT MY CITY TO BE SOMETHING THAT I CAN BE PROUD OF. I WANT TO KNOW THAT THE NEW COURTHOUSE HAS BEEN BUILT ON LOYALTY TO SMALL BUSINESSES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO APOLOGIZE THAT I AM HAVING TO CUT PEOPLE OFF AT TWO MINUTES. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE SIGNED UP AND I WANT TO BE SURE THAT EVERYBODY HAS A CHANCE TO TESTIFY. IT IS HARD TO COMPACT YOUR THOUGHTS BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR TESTIMONY IS APPRECIATED. THANK YOU. YOU CAN START.

HI.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD AFTERNOON.

FOUR MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES --

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME.

ED BARRE. I'M CONVINCED THAT CITIES ARE VERY MUCH DEFINED BY THEIR AESTHETICS. I HAVE TAKEN TWO WALKS OVER THIS BRIDGE THIS MORNING. AND THE APPROACH INTO THE CITY FROM HERE IS QUITE SPECTACULAR AND I REALLY DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE CHANGED. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHETHER YOU NEED A SAFE COURTHOUSE OR YOU NEED A FINE OLD ESTABLISHED RESTAURANT LIKE V.Q. IT HAS TO DO WITH HOW YOU DEFINE YOUR CITY. THE FOOTPRINT THAT YOU CHANGE WILL BE FOREVER. IF YOU WANT TO WALK INTO THE CITY AND SEE A 15-STORY HIGH BUILDING, REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT IS, I THINK IT SKEWS THAT PERCEPTION OF THE CITY. THAT'S MY STATEMENT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING -- OR AFTERNOON. EMPLOYEE AT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY FOR THE LAST THREE PLUS YEARS AND SO IS MY FIANCEE, AMANDA, WHO IS SITTING BEHIND ME TODAY. THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT ME AND MY FUTURE WIFE AND MY COLLEAGUES AND COWORKERS, A LOT OF WHOM ARE SITTING OVER THERE. THE TERM SACRIFICE WAS THROWN AROUND QUITE A BIT TODAY. AND, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE ASKING MORE THAN JUST SACRIFICE BY BUILDING

ON THE LAND ADJACENT TO THE VERITABLE QUANDARY RESTAURANT. YOU WILL BE DISPLACING MANY OF US THAT WORK THERE, OF THE APPROXIMATELY 75 EMPLOYEES WHO WORK THERE. MOST WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO DEPEND ON THAT INSTITUTION WHO HAVE ENJOYED THE STABILITY THAT DENNIS KING HAS CREATED WITH HIS RESTAURANT. STABILITY THAT HAS AFFORDED ME AND MY FIANCÉE THE ABILITY TO START A PROCESS OF BUYING A HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME AND TO AFFORD A WEDDING THAT WE'RE PLANNING NEXT YEAR. STABILITY THAT IS NOT THE NORM AND IS NOT USUAL IN THE RESTAURANT AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE INDUSTRY. JUST WANT TO TOTALLY AGREE WITH THE COMMENTS THAT WERE EXPRESSED EARLIER THAT THE AESTHETICS OF PORTLAND IS WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT. AND IN MY HUMBLE OPINION BETTER THAN CITIES LIKE NEW YORK AND BOSTON, WHERE THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE BUT TO BUILD ON TOP OF THE CURRENT STRUCTURES. THERE IS NO MORE ROOM. WE HAVE ROOM HERE. WE HAVE CHOICES BETWEEN DIFFERENT LOTS AND I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE YOUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LOGO WHICH FEATURES GREEN SPACE ON YOUR NAME PLACARDS IN FRONT OF YOU. CHOOSING BETWEEN LOTS WHERE A COURTHOUSE WOULD BE AN AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENT AND LOTS WHERE THE GREEN SPACE SHINES AND LITERALLY THE CENTER OF OUR CITY IS A NO-BRAINER. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER THAT IN YOUR VOTING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON.

GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CHRIS ROGERS. I'M A LONG-TIME PORTLAND RESIDENT, REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER. DEVELOPING REAL ESTATE IN THE PORTLAND AREA FOR 20 YEARS NOW, INDUSTRIAL SITES, CONDOMINIUMS, SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING, RETAIL, ETC. NORMALLY I'M TRYING TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO ALLOW FOR MORE DEVELOPMENT. BUT IN THIS CASE, I MUST APPEAL TO THE BOARD TO OPPOSE THE PREFERRED SITE AND LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE SITE AND INSTEAD MAYBE CONSIDER BLOCK 128. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE POINTS MADE BY THE COMMUNITY REGARDING SITE AND FINANCING AND IN ADDITION I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER OF PORTLAND. WE ALL LIVE HERE AND WE ALL LOVE OUR CITY. THE CHARM THAT IS PORTLAND AND ITS HISTORY MUST FACTOR IN TO THE DECISION, I WOULD HOPE. CONSIDERING THE SITE, AS A DEVELOPER, IF YOU WERE TO LAY DOWN THESE TWO SITES TO ME SIDE BY SIDE, I WOULDN'T EVEN BLINK AN EYE AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE SQUARE BLOCK SITE TO BE AN EASIER SITE TO DEVELOP. A LOT OF LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BRIDGE HEAD SITE. FIRST TRAFFIC AND LOGISTICS, CONSTRUCTION MEANS AND METHODS OF GETTING PRODUCT ON TO THE SITE. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY FOR TRAFFIC TO GO IN FRONT OF THAT -- ON THAT FIRST AVENUE. I THINK THAT THE ZONING IS AN ISSUE. I DON'T EVER TOUCH A SITE UNLESS THE ZONING HAS ALREADY BEEN CHANGED AS COMMISSIONER SMITH NOTED YESTERDAY. OR THE OTHER DAY. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN ZONING. IT CAN BE APPEALED TO LUBA, THERE CAN BE A

CHANGE OF HEART IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF THE ZONING. SO, THIS ZONING IS NOT IN PLACE TODAY THE WAY THAT THEY NEED IT TO BE AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED. AND ALSO IT IS ON THE WATERFRONT. YOU WILL HAVE A LOT OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIVER THERE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE, YOU COULD REFER TO THE WATERFRONT AT THE PEARL. THEIR BUDGET RAN THROUGH THE ROOF BECAUSE THEY KEPT HAVING WATER POUR IN TO THE HOLE THAT THEY DUG INTO THE GROUND. AS FAR AS FINANCE IS CONCERNED I WOULD -- WELL, I HAD MORE, BUT I WILL HAVE TO CUT IT SHORT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU'RE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY. IF YOU HAVE IT WRITTEN WE CAN MAKE COPIES TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE COMMISSIONERS.

THANK YOU. I'LL DO THAT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN START, SIR, GOOD AFTERNOON.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. DUSTIN HOKELAND, MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENT, TAXPAYER AND VOTER. EXPRESS MY OPPOSAL ON THE PROPOSAL -- I DON'T THINK BUILDING A 25-STORY QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLAR MONSTROSITY -- POTENTIALLY HARMING THE LIVELIHOOD OF 75 FAMILIES IS A VERY GOOD IDEA. IN FACT, I THINK IT WILL DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. RUNNING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS IS HARD ENOUGH ON ITS OWN. ESPECIALLY A RESTAURANT. YOU WOULD THINK THAT THE COUNTY WOULD BE MORE AWARE AND SENSITIVE OF THAT. AS NINE TO ME THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO JEOPARDIZE THE LIVELIHOOD OF A SMALL BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEES. IT IS A HUGE DRAW FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE RESTAURANT ALSO DEPENDS ON THAT GARDEN PATIO FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF ITS BUSINESS. ANY ALTERATIONS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO THEIR OPERATIONS WOULD HAVE A HUGE AND REAL CONSEQUENCE ON THEIR BUSINESS AND THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. I'M ALSO SUSPECT OF WHERE THE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT WILL COME FROM. QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLAR CEILING IS A GROSS AND OBSCENE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO SPEND ON A BUILDING, MUCH LESS THAN ANYTHING ELSE. TO ME IT SEEMS LIKE A GIANT WASTE OF MONEY. THERE ARE MORE PRESSING CONCERNS AT THE MOMENT THAN THIS FEAR MONGERING OF THE EARTHQUAKE THAT WILL HAPPEN ANY TIME. 99 WAYS TO DIE. 40 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS AND WE HAVE NOT HAD THE BIG ONE YET. I THINK THERE IS TIME TO FIND AN ALTERNATE LOCATION. ZONING ORDINANCES -- THAT PROHIBIT -- WOULDN'T IT BE AN ABSOLUTE EYE SORE. AS ONE OF THE JUDGES BROUGHT UP EARLIER, SOMETIMES SACRIFICE IS NECESSARY. IT IS THAT SAME KIND OF SICK AND SIMPLE-MINED MENTALITY, DISPLACEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICANS FROM THEIR HOMES AND LIVELIHOOD SO THAT A NEW RAILROAD TO BE PUT IN. CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT. BETTER MORE APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS FOR

THIS NEW COURTHOUSE. I URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST THIS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING -- OR GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS BRUCE CHARLES. I ARRIVED IN PORTLAND IN 1993, ON MY SECOND DAY OF SEARCHING FOUND EMPLOYMENT AT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY AS A DISHWASHER. MR. KING'S FAMILY MEMBERS WORKED ALONGSIDE OTHER STAFF IN A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT. THIS LOCAL BUSINESS PROVIDED ME WITH A NEEDED EMPLOYMENT AS I'M SURE IT DOES TO THIS DAY. THOUGH I NO LONGER WORK AT THE QUANDARY, I HAVE SEEN THE VITALITY OF THIS SMALL BUSINESS GROW. THE V.Q. WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT SURVIVE THE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION AS PROPOSED. THE SITE AS IS PROVIDES A NEEDED SLIVER OF GREEN SPACE AS WE EXIT DOWNTOWN PORTLAND AND TRAVERSE THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE TOWARD THE EAST SIDE AND I URGE YOU TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HELLO.

MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS SVEN -- I'M HERE TODAY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE JEFFERSON STATION OWNERS ASSOCIATION. I WILL CUT MY COMMENTS DOWN FOR ABOUT -- FROM ABOUT 10 TO THREE MINUTES. I HOPE YOU WILL AFFORD ME A LITTLE MORE TIME. JEFFERSON STATION, AS YOU KNOW, HISTORICAL OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED ON THE SOUTH LOT OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE. IT IS -- NEW PROPOSED SITE OF THE NEW COURTHOUSE. WELL, JEFFERSON STATION IS ACTUALLY A BUSINESS -- THERE ARE NINE SEPARATE BUSINESSES AND OWNERS LOCATED IN THE BUILDING. ONE WHICH I'M SURE YOU KNOW BY NOW IS THE PORTLAND LANDMARK RESTAURANT, THE V.Q. I SAT IN ON THE PRESENTATION ON TUESDAY. AND MADE A FEW OBSERVATIONS. THE LOT MAY SEEM LARGE ON PAPER OR OVERHEAD, HOWEVER, I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU, IF YOU HAVE THE POSSIBILITY TO COME AND TAKE A LOOK YOURSELF. PRIOR TO MAKING ANY DECISIONS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SQUEEZE IN A -- AN L-SHAPED HIGH RISE AROUND THE JEFFERSON STATION. BUT THERE IS NO WAY IT CAN BE AN IDEAL DEVELOPMENT SITE. I HAVE CONSULTED WITH A COUPLE OF DEVELOPERS LAST FEW DAYS, AND I AM BEING TOLD THAT THE RECTANGULAR OR SQUARE FOOTPRINT IS HIGHLY BENEFICIAL FOR A HIGH RISE. I'M ALSO BEING TOLD THAT AN L-SHAPED HIGH RISE IS ONE OF THE LEAST DESIRABLE AND EFFICIENT DESIGN. THIS IS PROBABLY WHY 95% OF THE HIGH RISES YOU SEE IN PORTLAND AND EVERY OTHER CITY IS SQUARE OR RECTANGULAR. NOW, IF YOU DO ACTUALLY MANAGE TO SQUEEZE IN SUCH A LARGE AND ODD-SHAPED SIZE BUILDING ON SUCH A SMALL LOT, I SURE HOPE YOU HAVE PLANNED FOR AMPLE PARKING WITHIN THE BUILDING.

Chair Kafoury: YOU NEED TO WRAP UP YOUR TESTIMONY. WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS WHO NEED TO TESTIFY.

WELL, OKAY.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WOULD LIKE, HAPPY TO HAVE MY STAFF MAKE COPIES OF YOUR TESTIMONY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT IN.

LET ME MAKE TWO LAST COMMENTS. THIS GOT DROPPED ON US TWO DAYS AGO. WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT PARKING AT ALL. THE SMART PARK STRUCTURE ACROSS THE STREET HAS THREE FLOORS ALREADY DEDICATED TO POLICE AND NOW ANOTHER FLOOR DEDICATED TO -- YOU ENTER THAT PARKING LOT ANY DAY AFTER LUNCH AND YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND A SPOT -- IT'S FULL. SAME THING FOR THE BANK BUILDING, SAME THING FOR THE COLUMBIAN FIRST AND SAME FOR FIRST AND MAIN. WITH THREE -- 600,000 VISITORS EACH YEAR, 3,500 A DAY. YOU BETTER PLAN FOR SOME GOOD PARKING. SO, I'LL JUST WRAP UP AND SAY YOU HAVE A SQUARE, PERFECT, FLAT LOT TWO BLOCKS AWAY. JUST THAT YOU OWN THE PROPERTY MAY NOT BE A GOOD JUSTIFICATION. I THINK YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE COST OF THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

I APOLOGIZE IF I'M MISPRONOUNCING ANYONE'S NAMES.

Chair Kafoury: WHO IS GOING TO START?

I'LL START. MY NAME IS NICOLE. AND I'M AN EMPLOYEE AT VERITABLE QUANDARY. IT HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. I HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO WORK WITH DENNIS KING, OUR MANAGEMENT, AND MY FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND THEY ARE MY FAMILY. THE PAST AND PRESENT EMPLOYEES HAVE ALL WORKED SO INCREDIBLY HARD TO MAKE V.Q. AN INSTITUTION IN PORTLAND. AND AFTER TODAY'S DECISION THAT MAY ALL BE TAKEN AWAY. EVERY MORNING NO MATTER WHAT SEASON OF THE YEAR YOU WILL ALWAYS SEE DENNIS KING OUT GARDENING IN THE PATIO. A TRUE HAPPINESS AND PASSION WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE WHILE HE IS OUT THERE. PATIO IS A HUGE STAPLE FOR US. GUESTS LINE UP AND WAIT TO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY. THE PATIO WILL NOT LONGER EXIST IF THIS COURTHOUSE IS BUILT NEXT TO V.Q. THAT SMILE ON DENNIS'S FACE WILL SLOWLY FADE. BUILDING A COURTHOUSE WILL DESTROY THE RESTAURANT AS IT IS TODAY. AFFECT THE LIVES OF 75 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING THAT DENNIS KING HAS WORKED FOR. IT WILL DESTROY THE DYNAMIC AND SYMBOLIC PRECEDENT

THAT V.Q. HOLDS TODAY. ANOTHER NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE, CONSTRUCTION FOR THE COURTHOUSE WILL CREATE EVEN MORE TRAFFIC ISSUES, NOT ONLY FOR AUTOMOBILES, BUT FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS AS WELL. THE NOISE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION WILL ALSO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE BUSINESS. KEEPING IT SHORT, I'M HERE TODAY WITH A ROOM OF SUPPORTERS FOR THE VERITABLE QUANDARY, FOR YOU TO HEAR OUR VOICES AND BUILDING THIS COURTHOUSE WILL IMPACT OUR LIVES IN A NEGATIVE WAY. BUILD THE COURTHOUSE SOMEWHERE ELSE, PLEASE. WE'RE ALL SUPPORTIVE OF IT. BUT THIS WILL AFFECT ALL OF OUR LIVES AND LET ALL OF THE V.Q. EMPLOYEES GO ON TO WORKING AT AN INSTITUTION THAT THEY ABSOLUTELY LOVE. LET DENNIS KING'S LIFE'S WORK CONTINUE ON FOR MANY YEARS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN COME IN AND ENJOY IT. VERITABLE QUANDARY NEEDS TO STAY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

I THINK I'M NEXT. PATRICIA, ONE OF THE OWNERS OF THE JEFFERSON STATION, WE'RE INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT BUT ALSO AS A CITIZEN AND SOMEONE WHO WALKS ACROSS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE EVERY DAY. THE CITY HAS SPENT DECADES AND MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MAKING THE WATERFRONT THIS SORT OF GREEN FRONT LAWN OF PORTLAND. AND THE BRIDGE HEAD, THE LOT UNDER CONSIDERATION, WAS NEVER DESIGNED TO BE BUILT ON. IT WAS ALWAYS CONCEIVED AS THE ENTRANCE TO THE BRIDGE AND IT DOES SET UP NOT JUST ACCESS, BUT SIGHT LINES TO ONE OF PORTLAND'S MOST ICONIC BRIDGES. AND THIS CONNECTION OF LIGHT AND AIR INTO THE CITY FROM THAT WATERFRONT. THE JEFF STATION BUILDING IS A HISTORIC BUILDING AND IT WILL BE COMPLETELY ENVELOPED ON BOTH SIDES BY A 15-STORY BUILDING, TOTALLY GOING TO DWARF THIS SMALL LITTLE JEWEL OF A BUILDING. I UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR A NEW COURTHOUSE. I DO THINK MUCH OF THE COST SAVINGS OF THE LAND WILL, AS MY COLLEAGUE SAID, PROBABLY BE SWALLOWED UP BY HIGHER DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND A MUCH LESS EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE IN AN L-SHAPED BUILDING. I WOULD URGE THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE, YOU KNOW, A VERY CLEAN AND OPTIMAL SITE JUST A BLOCK OR TWO AWAY. SO, I GUESS THAT'S -- I THINK THAT THE COURTHOUSE WOULD BE FAR BETTER SUITED TO THAT SQUARE, OPEN, FLAT SPACE WHERE YOU COULD BUILD AN EFFICIENT AND OPTIMAL BUILDING WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULTY OF THE SITE AND THE LOSS OF THAT OPEN AND BEAUTIFUL VIEW ON TO THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE AND THE WATERFRONT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

GOOD AFTERNOON.

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MY NAME IS WILLIE MYERS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE COLUMBIA PACIFIC BUILDING TRADE COUNCIL AND THAT ALL FITS ON ONE CARD. OUR MEMBERS HAVE JUST COME THROUGH ONE OF THE WORST RECESSIONS IN OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WAS AFFECTED THE MOST. OBVIOUSLY THE NEED FOR A COURTHOUSE IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US AS WELL FOR NOT JUST THE JOBS, BUT ALSO THE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR APPRENTICES THAT ARE -- WE'RE TRYING TO GET BACK INTO THE -- INTO THE WORKFORCE. WE ARE URGING THAT YOU APPROVE THE SITE LOCATION AT THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGEHEAD AS GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC'S MONEY. THIS IS SAVING \$20 MILLION OF TAXPAYER MONEY BECAUSE IT IS PROPERTY THAT YOU ALREADY OWN AND IT IS A PERFECT SITE FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT. INDECISION, WHEN YOU GO TO ASK FOR MONEY FROM THE STATE, IS NOT A GOOD MESSAGE TO SEND WHEN YOU ARE WORKING WITH YOUR PARTNERS DOWN IN SALEM ON A PROJECT LIKE THIS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO ALLOCATE ASSETS TO FUND THIS PROJECT. WE DO URGE THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2, AND TO MOVE THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT FORWARD. ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 15,000 WORKING MEN AND WOMEN OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND AS PERSONAL AS A FREQUENT PATRON OF THE V.Q., WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL INCREASE V.Q.'S BUSINESS, NOT DECREASE OR AFFECT NEGATIVELY V.Q.'S BUSINESS, NOT ONLY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON SITE, BUT THE ENGINEERS, THE DEVELOPERS, THE DESIGN TEAM, ALL OF US HAVE MEETINGS AT THE V.Q., ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMERTIME OUT ON THE PATIO. ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES AND I THINK THIS WILL ENHANCE THEIR BUSINESS, NOT TAKE AWAY FROM IT. SO --

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

HI, MY NAME IS JENNIFER BIDWELL. I LIVE IN PORTLAND, PAY TAXES IN PORTLAND. I HAVE LIVED OUT OF STATE, ALTHOUGH I WAS BORN HERE. AND WITHOUT A DOUBT, WHENEVER SOMEONE COMES FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, EUROPE, OTHER STATES, THIS IS ONE OF THE PLACES THEY ALREADY WANT TO COME. I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SUGGEST IT. THEY KNOW. SO, I WANT TO SAY THAT FIRST. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT GREEN SPACES, AND IT HAS BEEN MENTIONED, GREEN SPACES ARE IMPORTANT. AND I'M SURE YOU ALL HAVE WALKED FROM HERE BACK INTO DOWNTOWN, AND THE VIEW OF THE TREES, THE GRASS, THE ENTIRE WATERFRONT, IS SPECTACULAR. AND I THINK WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY DEVASTATED BY A CONCRETE BLOCK THERE. I THINK THE BUILDING SITE IN AND OF ITSELF, THOUGH OWNED BY THE TAXPAYER WOULD CREATE AN AWKWARD FIT ARCHITECTURALLY. I HAVE NOW HEARD FROM THE CONSTRUCTION SIDE THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A MORE DIFFICULT BUILDING AS FAR AS CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING AND ORGANIZATION. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT THE V.Q. HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT IN NOVELS BY LOCAL AUTHORS. IT'S BEEN MENTIONED IN

BOOKS OF BEST OF LISTS. ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF THE BEST PATIO LIST, WHICH IT WOULD NO LONGER SIT. IT IS COUNTERINTUITIVE TO ME IN A CITY THAT IS BEAUTIFYING ITSELF AND HAS A REGIONAL CULTURAL AND ARTS COUNCIL, THAT DESTROYING A MAGICAL PLACE THAT HAS BEEN SO WELL PRESERVED, LIKE THE QUANDARY, AND HAS KEPT IN STEP WITH EVERY PROGRESSION THIS CITY HAS MADE, IT SEEMS COUNTERINTUITIVE THAT THIS RESTAURANT THAT DEFINES OUR CITY WOULD BE COMPROMISED BY A BUILDING THAT WOULD THEN BE AN AWKWARD AND UNBEAUTIFUL FIT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. I WAS AT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY THE FIRST DAY IT OPENED. I HAVE KNOWN DENNY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. MY IDEA OF WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE NEED A NEW COURTHOUSE. I WON'T DENY THAT. I BELIEVE THE PREFERRED SITE IS A HUGE MISTAKE. ONE, YOU DO NOT VALUE IN ANY OF THE CALCULATIONS, AT LEAST THAT I HEARD THIS MORNING, THE ACTUAL ECONOMIC VALUE OF GREEN SPACE IN PORTLAND. THAT HAS NOT ENTERED FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD ANY OF THE CALCULATIONS. IT IS THE ONLY BRIDGE THAT YOU APPROACH FROM THE EAST SIDE THAT HAS A GREEN SPACE ATTACHED TO IT. ALL OF THE REST OF THEM ARE CONCRETE. IT ADDS VALUE TO THE CITY IN TERMS OF LIVABILITY. THERE ARE VERY FEW GREEN SPACES LEFT IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND ANYMORE. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT AN IMPORTANT CALCULATION MUST BE MADE BECAUSE OF WHERE YOU WOULD SITE -- IF THAT IS THE PLACE YOU CHOOSE TO SITE THE BUILDING, THE GEOLOGY AND EARTHQUAKE PROTECTION FOR IT REALIZING BECAUSE IT IS SO CLOSE TO THE RIVER, YOU HAVE A FLUIDITY IN -- AS THERE WAS A -- LEVEL 8 EARTHQUAKE, THAT BUILDING WOULD ACTUALLY SINK INTO AND BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE RIVER. AS A LONG-TIME PATRON AND SOMEBODY WHO LOVES UNIQUE PLACES IN PORTLAND, I THINK THAT -- YOU REALLY NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT. AND VOTE AGAINST USING THE PREFERRED SITE TO BUILD A NEW AND SHINING COURTHOUSE, BUT DON'T DISTURB THE GREEN SPACE AND THE BEAUTY OF THAT RAMP ENTRANCE BOTH OUT OF THE CITY AND INTO THE CITY AND DESTROY WHAT IS THE VERITABLE QUANDARY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

HI.

THAT WAS QUICK.

MY NAME IS JIM HUGHES. I AM AN ATTORNEY DOWNTOWN. I HAVE OWNED BUSINESSES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I LIVE HERE FOR DECADES. EARLIER THIS WEEK I SENT AN EMAIL TO CHAIRPERSON KAFOURY AND I

BELIEVE THAT E MAIM WAS ALSO USED AS AN ATTACHMENT AND LETTER TO THE REST OF YOU, OR EMAIL, PERHAPS IT WAS, MICHAEL HANLON AND I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU READ THAT. IT SUMMARIZES MY THOUGHTS ABOUT THE V.Q., ALL ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED HERE TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS. ONE REFLECTS COMMENTS THAT HE MADE JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. PORTLAND IS GREEN SPACE TO SO MUCH OF THE WORLD. THAT'S THE FIRST THING THEY THINK ABOUT WHEN THEY COME HERE. AND TO JUST GLOSS OVER THE FACT THAT IT IS ELIMINATING TWO SIGNIFICANTLY GREEN SPOTS THAT THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE A DAY SEE AND ENJOY IS TO JUST IGNORE WHAT WE ACTUALLY ARE. AND I THINK PEOPLE CALL IT PORTLAND QUIRKY OR WEIRD OR WHATEVER, BUT I THINK WE'VE GOT A GOOD HANDLE ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT HERE AND I THINK THIS IS A MOVE AGAINST THAT. SO, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU THINK ABOUT THAT. I PARK IN WHAT'S NOW KNOWN AT THE UMPQUA BANK CENTER AND WALK TO MY OFFICE, THREE, FOUR BLOCKS AWAY, RIGHT PASSED THE V.Q., THE CORNER, THE GREEN SPOTS THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING TO USE. A MILLION CARS -- THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION -- BUT IT IS NOT AN EASY PLACE TO WALK THROUGH OR CROSS THE INTERSECTIONS, AND TO HAVE 600,000 MORE VISITORS A YEAR WITH THE LIMITED PARKING SPACES AROUND THERE IS UNBELIEVABLE. A PARKING GARAGE ACROSS THE STREET, I HAVE HEARD IT IS A PLUS BECAUSE JUDGES AND STAFF CAN USE IT. NOW YOU WILL HAVE 600,000 PEOPLE CIRCULATING AROUND THE BLOCK LOOKING FOR A SPOT. IT JUST DOESN'T FIT. THAT ASPECT OF IT MAKES NO SENSE TO ME WHATSOEVER. THE -- AND FINALLY, THE PROCESS HERE FRUSTRATES ME A LITTLE BIT. YOU HAVE A -- I WILL MAKE IT QUICK -- WE HAD A NICE PRESENTATION ABOUT THE UMPTEEN MILLION HOURS SPENT ANALYZING THESE SPOTS AND FOR SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, IT WAS TWO DAYS AGO THAT THE FOLKS THAT SUPPORT -- OR OPPOSE I SHOULD SAY THE PROPOSAL HAVE HAD TO PREPARE. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE KIND OF AN UNFAIR FIGHT, IF YOU WILL, OR DISCUSSION TO EXPECT REALLY WELL THOUGHT OUT COMMENTS FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE. AND I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU OPPOSE, OR AT LEAST DEFER YOUR DECISION-MAKING TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HI.

HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M LIZZIE, AND I AM MULTNOMAH -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING -- I WROTE THIS OUT. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY THOUGHTS. FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW I UNDERSTAND I VERY MUCH VALUE THE WORK THAT YOU DID TO BUILD A COURTHOUSE AND RESPECT THE TIME AND EFFORT THAT YOU HAVE PUT FORTH. VERY MUCH SUPPORT IT HOWEVER, I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU WILL MAKE AN APPROPRIATE CHOICE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE AND IT WILL ALIGN WITH THE BASIC VALUES, BELIEFS, AND TRADITIONS OF THE CITY. ONE OF THE VALUES IS RESPECT AND RESTORATION OF OUR PAST. THROUGHOUT THE TOWN YOU WILL SEE THE WORK AND RESPECT WE

PUT FORTH TO SAVE AND HONOR OUR HISTORY. V.Q. ONE OF THOSE SPOTS, TO ME IT IS A LANDMARK. BEAUTIFUL, WELL KNOWN ESTABLISHMENT THAT HAS BEEN PART OF THIS TOWN FOR MANY DECADES. I HOPE YOU VISIT IT AS WELL. IT IS A BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUILDING, THE AMBIENCE, THE GORGEOUS PATIO, FLOWERS BLOOMING IN THE SUMMER MAKE THIS A MAGICAL PLACE TO ENJOY AN INCREDIBLE MEAL. WHEN I WORKED IN THE CORPORATE WORLD, I LIKE MANY OTHERS FREQUENTED V.Q. WITH MY CLIENTS, MET AFTER WORK, AND NOW THAT I'M IN A DIFFERENT PROFESSION, I STILL TAKE EVERYONE THERE. THAT IS THE FIRST PLACE I TAKE VISITORS IN TOWN AND I GO THERE OFTEN. I LOVE THE PLACE. TO ME I FEEL LIKE IT IS A GREAT REPRESENTATION OF NORTHWEST CUISINE, HISTORY, AND AMAZING OREGON AMBIENCE. IF WE WERE TALKING ABOUT FLOWERS, V.Q. WOULD BE THE ROSE GARDEN. TALKING ABOUT STATUES, IT WOULD BE PORTLANDIA. IT IS A PART OF PORTLAND. CHOOSING THIS SITE IS NOT ONLY A THREAT TO A PORTLAND LANDMARK, I REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE THAT YOU AS REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY WOULD WANT TO DISMISS A WELL-FUNCTIONING BUSINESS THAT EMPLOYS SO MANY HARD-WORKING CITIZENS. I ASK THAT YOU LOOK TO ALTERNATIVE SITES AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. HELLO.

HI, JILL -- I WORKED AT THE VERITABLE QUANDARY FOR A SUPERVISOR FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS -- I -- ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMUTERS OF DOWNTOWN. WHILE I WORKED AT V.Q., I LIVED JUST DOWN THE STREET. I KNOW HOW BAD TRAFFIC CAN BE. MIKE DAY SAID -- WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE THAT TRAFFIC WOULD BE MINIMALLY AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION AT THE BRIDGEHEAD SITE BUT I AND ANYONE WHO COMMUTES OVER THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE WOULD HIGHLY DISAGREE WITH THIS. TUESDAY, DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE STAGING WOULD BE BUT NOW ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SITE. THEY WILL BE CROSSING THE BRIDGE RAMPS TO GET TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE. OVER 30,000 PEOPLE CROSS THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE DAILY. AS IT IS IT CAN TAKE OVER 20 MINUTES TO GET FROM SOUTHEAST 12th AND HAWTHORNE TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE BRIDGE. IF THIS DOES AFFECT TRAFFIC, IT WOULD BE FAR-REACHING AND COULD BE PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE -- MORRISON BRIDGE -- I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT ONE OF THE SIX CRITERION FOR SITE SELECTION, SITE ACCESS, INFRASTRUCTURE, MANDATORY REQUIREMENT -- TRAFFIC FLOW, SURROUNDING STREETS -- THE INTERSECTIONS WITH SOUTHWEST FIRST WITH MAIN, MADISON, JEFFERSON, SURROUNDING INTERSECTIONS CANNOT SUPPORT THE 500 SOME EMPLOYEES, 900,000, THOUSANDS OF OTHERS COMING TO THE COURTHOUSE WHEN IT BARELY SUPPORTS THE CURRENT TRAFFIC FLOW. PARKING IS ANOTHER ISSUE. ALMOST NO STREET PARKING AND THE GARAGE IS ALREADY FULL. WITH THOSE SEARCHING FOR SPOTS, DRIVING AROUND, IT IS JUST MORE ADDED TRAFFIC. SO, I'M COMPELLED TO CALL IN TO QUESTION THE LEGITIMACY OF THE SITE, EFFECTS ON TRAFFIC. I

BELIEVE HAVING THE COURTHOUSE AT THE BASE OF THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE IS PUTTING A CLOG IN THE DRAIN OF DOWNTOWN. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER FOLKS WHO WANTED TO COMMENT TODAY? QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

Commissioner Bailey: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO TOOK TIME OUT OF THEIR DAY TO COME HERE TODAY TO SHARE WITH US THEIR STORIES ON BOTH SIDES AND WHO SPOKE VERY PASSIONATELY AND FRANKLY ELOQUENTLY ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE. I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME. I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE COULD HAVE DONE MUCH BETTER ON THE PUBLIC PROCESS. IN FACT, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE DID OUR JOB AND I WILL ADVOCATE AND HOPE THAT WE DO BETTER IN THE FUTURE AT REACHING OUT, HAVING THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND GETTING PUBLIC INPUT IN TO SITES. I HEAR FROM THE FOLKS THAT ARE HERE FROM THE V.Q. AND JEFFERSON STATION THAT YOU FEEL STUCK IN THIS PROCESS. AND I LOOK AT THIS PETITION AND THE EMAILS I HAVE GOTTEN AND I SEE FRIENDS, I ACTUALLY SEE A FAMILY MEMBER. MR. KING, I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU, YOU HAVE BUILT SOMETHING THAT IS RARE AND SPECIAL, AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR IT. AND ANNIE, YOU ARE A MAGICIAN. I HAVE NEVER HAD A BAD MEAL AT THE V.Q., ANYTHING OTHER THAN SPECTACULAR. AND FRANKLY, IN THE CONSTANT CHURN OF THE PORTLAND RESTAURANT SCENE, YOU HAVE BEEN A NORTH STAR. YOU'VE PLAYED BY THE RULES. YOU HAVE INVESTED YOUR SOLE IN THIS AND YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE PORTLAND WHAT IT IS TODAY. SO, THANK YOU. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THIS CITY. CROSSED THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE EVERY DAY TO GO TO SCHOOL DOWNTOWN. BUT THE FACT IS THAT I THINK THE COUNTY IS STUCK HERE, TOO. WE DESPERATELY NEED A NEW COURTHOUSE. THE CIRCLES OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF WHAT WE NEED FOR THAT COURTHOUSE IN MY MIND CONVERGE ON THIS SITE. TO GET THERE, WE HAVE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS STEP. I'VE HAD A LOT OF MEETINGS ON THIS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND HAD A CHANCE TO WALK THE SITE TO TALK WITH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, AND I KNOW THAT WHILE THE SITE ISN'T PERFECT, IT'S POSSIBLE. AND THAT THIS ISN'T THE END OF THE PROCESS. I'M FRUSTRATED, FRANKLY, THAT WE DON'T HAVE AN EVEN BETTER LOCATION. I'M FRUSTRATED THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND DIDN'T STEP UP ON BEING MORE CREATIVE WITH HOW WE FIGURED OUT A SOLUTION AROUND THE PARKING GARAGE ACROSS THE STREET. AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE THOSE CONVERSATIONS. BUT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. AND FRANKLY IF SOMETHING HAPPENED AND GOD FORBID THERE WAS A TRAGEDY AT THE COURTHOUSE, WHETHER SEISMIC OR OTHERWISE WITH A DEFENDANT, I DON'T THINK I COULD SLEEP AT NIGHT. WE HAVE TO KEEP THE PUBLIC SAFE. AND THAT INCLUDES ALSO IN MY MIND DEFENDANT AND PRISONER TRANSFER. THAT IS OF PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION FOR ME AS

WE LOOK AT UNDERGROUND ACCESS TO THE COURTHOUSE, CONTINUING TO MOVE PEOPLE ABOVE GROUND IS NOT JUST AN OPERATIONAL COST AND LOGISTICAL NIGHTMARE, BUT A REAL PUBLIC SAFETY RISK. IN FACT, TO BE FRANK, I HAVE ACTUALLY RECEIVED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS MORE CONTACT AND MORE EMAILS FROM THE PUBLIC IN FAVOR OF GOING FORWARD TODAY THAN IN NOT GOING FORWARD. SO, I AM GOING TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS TODAY. BUT I DO SO WITH A COUPLE OF CONDITIONS. AND THE FIRST IS THAT WE DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO WORK WITH THE V.Q. AND JEFFERSON STATION TO MITIGATE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS, TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE WORK THROUGH THAT, IF THIS SITE ENDS UP BEING THE FINAL SITE. AND THAT WE DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE V.Q. IS A THRIVING RESTAURANT FOR YEARS TO COME. TWO, THAT WE REVISIT DESIGN OF THIS BUILDING AND LOOK FOR CREATIVE WAYS IF THIS IS THE FINAL SITE TO STRUCTURE THE BUILDING IN A WAY THAT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE TO THE NORTH OF THE PROPERTY, SECTION IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO V.Q. AND LOOK FOR WAYS NOT TO HAVE A BUILDING THAT MIGHT BE AS IMPACTFUL. AND, THREE, THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD, I WOULD ASK THAT OUR TEAM TAKE MS. KING UP ON HER OFFER OF BEING ON THE SAME TEAM IN ADVOCACY AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE OPEN TO CONVERSATIONS OF THINGS THAT MIGHT WORK EVEN BETTER FOR THE LOCATION OF THIS COURTHOUSE AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CITY AS WELL. IN THE MEANTIME, HOWEVER, THIS IS A CRITICAL STEP IN THE PROCESS FOR A PROJECT THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. I WILL BE VOTING IN FAVOR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS HERE TODAY AND I TRULY, TRULY APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY VOICE THAT HAS BEEN HEARD HERE TODAY. THIS IS A MAJOR PROJECT. AND ONE THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT. I DON'T TAKE TODAY'S DECISION LIGHTLY, AND I KNOW THAT TODAY'S DECISION IS NOT A FINAL BLESSING OF ANY PARTICULAR SITE. BUT WE WILL PROVIDE DIRECTION TO OUR PROJECT TEAMS AND TO THE WORK MOVING FORWARD. EVERYTHING NEEDS TO BE FOCUSED ON MAKING SURE WE ARE ABLE TO SITE THE BEST POSSIBLE COURTHOUSE WITH THE BEST CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC DOLLARS. AS WE HAVE LOOKED TO SITE THE COURTHOUSE, I HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE IMPACT TO SURROUNDING BUSINESSES AND NEIGHBORS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR SECOND AVENUE AND THE V.Q. PATIO PROVIDES A PLEASANT ATMOSPHERE FOR CUSTOMERS IN THIS PARTICULAR RESTAURANT. AND I ALSO AGREE THAT THERE IS ROOM TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC OUTREACH IN ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT MOVING FORWARD. THE LOT IS COUNTY OWNED. AND AS YOU HEARD, TO ACQUIRE A NEW LOT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT IS FEASIBLE FOR OUR NEXT COURTHOUSE WOULD BE EXPENSIVE. IF WE ABANDON CONSIDERATION OF THE HAWTHORNE

BRIDGEHEAD SITE, IT IS POTENTIALLY, AS YOU HEARD, A \$20 PLUS MILLION DECISION OF TAXPAYER FUNDS IN COST OF PURCHASE AND LOSS OF DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. AND THIS IS SOMETHING I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER BAILEY'S WORDS AND HIS VERY DELIBERATE AND THOROUGH CONSIDERATION ABOUT TODAY'S DECISION. WE'VE SEEN THE MOCK-UPS OF THE POTENTIAL FUTURE COURTHOUSE, BUT OUR PROJECT TEAM, AS YOU HEARD, HAS NOT CREATED ACTUAL PLANS AND DESIGNS, AND, THEREFORE, WE ARE IN A PHASE WHERE WE CAN EXAMINE CONSIDERABLE CHANGES TO THE MOCK-UPS AND WHAT A DEVELOPMENT MIGHT LOOK LIKE. MOVING FORWARD, I'M ASKING OUR PROJECT TEAM TO AT LEAST CONSIDER WHAT PLANS WOULD LOOK LIKE THAT COULD PRESERVE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE GREEN SPACE ADJACENT TO SECOND AVENUE IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE WRAP-AROUND EFFECT OF THE NEW DEVELOPMENT. AS YOU HAVE HEARD, WE ARE VERY EARLY IN THE DESIGN PHASE, AND I WANT TO LOOK AT THOSE OPTIONS. I WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF DESIGNATING THESE TWO SITES AS PREFERRED SITES AND I WILL BE LOOKING TO OUR PROJECT TEAM FOR MORE FEASIBILITY INFORMATION ABOUT DESIGNS THAT ACCOMPLISH MORE THAN JUST A COURTHOUSE AROUND THE BRIDGEHEAD. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO OUR PROJECT TEAM, TO THE PUBLIC WHO SPOKE TODAY AND IN PARTICULAR TO COMMISSIONER BAILEY. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I SHARE IN THE FRUSTRATION WITH SOME OF YOU PRESENT IN TERMS OF THE LACK OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY, AND PERHAPS PRIOR TO TUESDAY. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS A FAILURE OF OUTREACH ON CERTAIN KEY ISSUES. AND I WANT TO ASSURE THOSE WHO REACHED OUT TO ME AND MY OFFICE OR REACHED OUT TO ME DIRECTLY THAT I HAVE DONE MY DUE DILIGENCE IN INFORMATION GATHERING AND CLARIFYING QUESTIONS. WE ALL HAD THOSE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PREFERRED SITE FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE. AND EVEN AFTER LISTENING TODAY, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT KEY ISSUES REGARDING THE RECOMMENDED PREFERRED SITE FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE, AS WELL AS THE SECONDARY SITE, NAMELY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRANSIT OPTIONS, AND THE IMPACT TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS AFFECTED IN THE AREA OF THE RECOMMENDED PREFERRED SITE. AS I CONSIDER THOSE ISSUES, I HAD TO BALANCE THOSE CONCERNS WITH THE VERY REAL AND IMMEDIATE ISSUES OF THE SAFETY OF OUR JUDICIAL STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO UTILIZE THE COURTHOUSE DAILY. THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE PANEL REGARDING THE AGE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CURRENT COURTHOUSE ARE VERY REAL. THIS LEAVES THE IMPACT TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS, THE FACTS PRESENTED TO ME INDICATE THE AREA IS NOT UTILIZED FOR THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE SOLD. MY CONCERN IS IF THIS HAPPENS, WE AT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE NO CONTROL ON WHAT A PRIVATE DEVELOPER DOES WITH THE LAND OR ANY MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY SUGGESTED. I

WANT TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME GIVING THAT SOME TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT WILL ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE ON THIS LAND. GIVEN A CHOICE, I FEEL THE COURTHOUSE STRUCTURE BEING IN COUNTY CONTROL IS THE BEST OUTCOME. THIS ALLOWS FOR US CONTINUED COOPERATION AND COMPROMISE. IF THE LAND IS SIMPLY SOLD, WE HAVE NO SAY IN HOW THE ADJACENT BUSINESSES WILL BE AFFECTED. WITH THAT BEING SAID, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND COOPERATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EXPEDITING PROVIDING INFORMATION TO ANSWERING LINGERING QUESTIONS, I FEEL THE BEST OPTION IS TO MOVE FORWARD AT THIS TIME WITH THE PROPOSED SITE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ADDITIONAL DUE DILIGENCE IS TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THIS IS THE BEST POSSIBLE OPTION FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOUR TURN.

Commissioner Shiprack: I HAVE TO SAY WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT IS, IT CONTINUES TO BE TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU ON THIS NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND TO GIVE ALL OF YOU CREDIT WHO HAVE SPENT A LONG MORNING AND NOW INTO THE AFTERNOON HERE WITH US TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. AND IT TRULY IS A ONCE IN A 100 YEAR PROCESS. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS REALLY IS THE OPENING BELL FOR A PUBLIC, A VERY PUBLIC PROCESS, AND I THINK THAT SOME OF THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION, RAMIFICATIONS OF -- AND THAT CONFLICT AND THAT REALLY DYNAMIC TENSION BETWEEN OUR INTEREST IN ENGAGING ALL OF THE PUBLIC AND OUR INTEREST IN BEING CAREFUL STEWARDS OF THE PUBLIC MONEY, THAT IS GOING TO BE SPENT ON THIS PROJECT, HAD COME IN TO CONFLICT IN A SENSE THERE THAT NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE VERY, VERY OPEN TO YOUR COMMENTS AND I THINK ALREADY YOUR COMMENTS HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. IT'S VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE NEIGHBORS. IT'S VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE THE CONSTRUCTION TRADES. AND THIS JOINT VISION IN GOING FORWARD WITH THE COURTHOUSE IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF COMMUNITY EFFORT THAT HAS MADE PORTLAND SUCH A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR ALL OF US. AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUCH A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR ALL OF US. FORGIVE ME, COMMISSIONER McKEEL, IT IS NOT JUST PORTLAND. I'VE BEEN WELL TRAINED. I DO WANT TO SAY THAT SOME OF THE INTERESTING QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED ABOUT GEOTECHNICAL EARTHQUAKE SAFETY, PROXIMITY TO THE RIVER, THE CONSTRUCTABILITY OF THE SITE. THE ABILITY TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, THOSE ARE PART OF THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS THAT IS GOING TO BE EXAMINED BY OUR CONSTRUCTION TEAM AND, AGAIN, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION IN THE PUBLIC MEETINGS THAT ARE THE CONTEMPLATED PART OF THE FUTURE AS WE ROLL FORWARD WITH THIS COURTHOUSE. BUT I REALLY AM TREMENDOUSLY GRATEFUL TO THE LEGISLATURE AND TO JUDGE WALLER WHO HAS LOYALLY SHEPHERDED THIS PROCESS THROUGH, AS WELL AS TO DOUG BRAY FOR THEIR

CONSISTENT EFFORT ON BEHALF OF OUR NEW CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, SO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: MUCH OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID BY MY COLLEAGUES SO I WILL TRY NOT TO REPEAT. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHOWN UP TODAY TO SHARE THEIR COMMENTS ABOUT SITE SELECTION AND FOLKS COMMENTED VIA THE DOCUMENTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR. I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORT AND I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING TO CONDENSE PEOPLE TO TWO MINUTES. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST STEP. AND THERE WILL BE MORE TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. SO, I DON'T WANT YOU TO WALK AWAY FROM HERE THINKING THAT YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE HEARD AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN. WE WILL CONTINUE TO SOLICIT YOUR INPUT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO COME UP FOR THE BEST PLACE TO SITE OUR NEW DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO DENNY KING FOR SHOWING UP TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE STAFF, FORMER, CURRENT, FUTURE EMPLOYEES OF VERITABLE QUANDARY. IT IS OUR GOAL REGARDLESS OF WHAT SITE IS CHOSEN IN DOWNTOWN TO MAKE SURE THAT AS FEW IMPACTS AS POSSIBLE ON YOUR ESTABLISHMENT. WE REALLY DON'T -- THIS VOTE TODAY IS NOT A VOTE TO CLOSE THE V.Q. THIS VOTE TODAY IS TO MOVE FORWARD TO START A PROCESS BY WHICH WE CAN VALUATE TO YOU SITES. THANKS EVERYONE FOR COMING TODAY. AND WITH NO FURTHER COMMENT, ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

Chair Kafoury: OPPOSED? THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS ON TODAY'S AGENDA, I WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE R-6, R-7, R-8, AND R-9 -- WE HAVE R-5 STILL. DO R-5 AND THEN POSTPONE. SORRY, R-5. I GOT CARRIED AWAY.

WE STILL HAVE SOME BUSINESS, IF WE CAN PLEASE HAVE QUIET IN THE BOARD ROOM. THANK YOU.

**R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION #Non-D-05-15: Adding a 1.00 Assistant County Attorney Senior to the County Attorney's Office. Presenter: Jenny Madkour, County Attorney.**

Chair Kafoury: Can I have a motion?

Commissioner McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Bailey: SECOND.

COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R-5.

GOOD MORNING. JENNY MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY. BUDGET MODIFICATION TO ADD A NEW MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY STAFF TO OUR CONSTRUCTION TEAM TO HELP WITH CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY AND BETTER UTILIZE COUNTY FUNDS TOWARDS THAT END.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? IT SOUNDS LIKE A NECESSARY ADDITION TO OUR ABLE STAFF. ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES] R-5 IS APPROVED.

**R.6 BudMod-DCHS-33-15: Increasing the Community Services Division Fund Appropriation by \$675,000. Presenter: Mary Li, Manager Senior, Community Services.**

**R.7 BudMod DCHS-34-15 Increasing the Federal/State Appropriation by \$76,906 in DCHS Domestic Violence FY 2015 Budget for Family Strengths Program. Presenter: Annie Neal, Program Manager, Domestic Violence Coordinators Office.**

**R.8 BudMod DCHS-35-15 - Increasing the Developmental Disabilities Division Federal/State fund appropriation by \$48,037. Presenters: Mohammad Bader, Division Director 2 -- Developmental Disabilities and Karen Markins, Program Supervisor - Region 1 Crisis Services.**

**R.9 BUDGET MODIFICATION HD-20-15 Supplemental-02 to Appropriate \$3,416,967 from Beginning Working Capital and Medicaid Revenue. Presenter: Vanetta Abdellatif, Director, ICS.**

Chair Kafoury: DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS, I WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE R-6, R-7, R-8, AND R-9 TO A TIME CERTAIN ON JANUARY 8th, 2015.

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Bailey: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS, APPROVAL TO POSTPONE TO A TIME CERTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [CHORUS OF AYES]

Chair Kafoury: OPPOSED? THE MOTION IS APPROVED.

### **BOARD COMMENT**

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE TIME ON OUR CALENDAR FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS. COMMENT, QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

Commissioner Bailey: I KNOW WE'RE WAY OVER TIME, AND I -- BUT I CAN'T LET THE OPPORTUNITY WITH THE LAST BOARD MEETING BEFORE THE NEW YEAR GO WITHOUT SAYING HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF THE FOLKS OUT THERE AND HOWEVER YOU CELEBRATE IT OR IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO CELEBRATE IT, I HOPE THAT PEOPLE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A SEASON OF GIVING AND A -- AND THAT IT IS VERY FUNDAMENTAL TO WHAT WE DO HERE AT THE COUNTY. MY RELIGION AS A CHRISTIAN, WE CELEBRATE AS MANY OF US DO, CHRISTMAS, AND THAT IS A HOLIDAY THAT IS ACTUALLY FOUNDED ON SERVING SOMEONE WHO IS HOMELESS, AND I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AS WE THINK ABOUT GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YES.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE HERE TODAY AND TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE COMMISSIONER McKEEL, MR. MARIOTA ON HIS HEISMAN WIN, SO GO DUCKS.

Commissioner McKeel: YES. THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER COMMENTS? SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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