

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 18, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Jeff Cogen called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Vice-Chair Judy Shiprack and Commissioners Deborah Kafoury, Loretta Smith and Diane McKeel present.

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

[THE FOLLOWING TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF THE CLOSED CAPTIONING OF THIS PROGRAM.]

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE WELCOME TO THIS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Smith: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE? [UNANIMOUS AYES] OPPOSED? CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

Board Clerk: PUBLIC COMMENT, OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER. WE HAVE TWO UNDER NON-AGENDA. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. LEON KNAPP AND BRIAN LOWLY.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS.

>> HELLO, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I -- MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

>> ALSO WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> SO, THIS MORNING WE'RE HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE'S DECISION TO CUT THE POSITIONS OF SEVEN JUVENILE COUNSELORS. CHIEF AMONG THE CUTS, COMMUNITY DETENTION ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM, OF WHICH ALL OF THESE

GENTLEMEN ALL WORK IN THAT PROGRAM. WHICH IS NOT ONLY GETTING CUT BUT CONTRACTED OUT. BAD BUSINESS DECISION, BAD POLICY FOR THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CONTRACTING OUT THIS PROGRAM, LOSS OF FIVE OF THE SEVEN JUVENILE COUNSELOR POSITIONS, COUNTY WILL LOSE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EXPERTISE, AND COMMUNITY LOSES A LEVEL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY THAT THE PEOPLE IN THIS PROGRAM PROVIDE. A LOSS OF INVESTMENT. PEOPLE GOING OUT THE DOOR ARE NOT PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE COUNTY SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HERE FOR 15 YEARS. THESE PEOPLE WILL BE GOING OUT THE DOOR. INVESTMENT THE COUNTY HAS MADE THAT THEY'RE SEEING WALK AWAY. AND THESE ARE GOOD PEOPLE WHO ARE LEAVING, PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHOWN THAT THEY DO GOOD WORK WITH JUVENILES AND MAKE THE COMMUNITY SAFER. IT IS A LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY, TO THE FAMILIES CAN AGENCIES, SERVICES, AND INDIVIDUALS. AND THE LOSS OF SERVICE, CONTRACTORS CAN'T PROVIDE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE THESE PEOPLE CAN. THEY HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE SYSTEMS THAT MAKE THE JOBS SAFER FOR THESE PEOPLE AND MAKE THEM FOR EFFECTIVE IN THE WORK THEY DO. INCREASING LIABILITY FOR THE YOU COUNTY AND CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, THEIR ROLE BECOMES LIMITED AND YOU ARE GETTING LESS FOR YOUR MONEY. THEY DON'T KNOW THE COURT SYSTEM, CAN'T FIND PLACEMENTS -- CONTRACT OUT THE WORK TO A COMMUNITY AGENCY CREATES ANOTHER LAYER BETWEEN THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT AND CLIENTS, DISTANCE BETWEEN THE DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY. THESE EMPLOYEES, AS MEMBERS, HAVE SUPPORTED LOCAL COMMISSIONERS AND WE -- THAT GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS MAKING THIS COUNTY RUN EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY. TAKING THIS COURSE OF ACTION WOULD DO SERIOUS ACTION TO THE THINGS WE HAVE -- REMOVE THE CUTS TO THE BUDGET, DON'T GIVE AWAY THE JOBS WORKED BY GOOD COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

>> THANK YOU.

>> LEON KNAPP. WE'RE AGAINST THE CONTRACTING OUT. AND DOING THE JOB, WHERE THE FRONT LINE TO THE PUBLIC. AFTER AN ARREST IS MADE AND A COURT PRELIM HAPPENS, PEOPLE ARE PLACED ON OUR PROGRAM AND WE ONLY TAKE HIGH-RISK MEDIUM-RISK OFFENDERS WITH SERIOUS CHARGES, VIOLENT CRIMES. WE TAKE MEASURE 11 YOUTH, YOUTH FROM OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY. GUN CHARGES, SEX OFFENDERS, ROBBERIES, ASSAULTS, WE ALSO TOOK INTO OUR PROGRAM A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THE FLASH MOBS LAST SUMMER, AS I AM SURE YOU RECALL. WE ARE DETENTION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM, SO OUR PROGRAM IS SET UP IN ORDER TO TAKE YOUTH WHO POSSIBLY WOULD BE IN DETENTION AND PULL THEM OUT OF DETENTION, WORKING WITH THE MEASURE 11 YOUTH WE'RE ALSO DOING THAT ON THE ADULT SIDE. THE COUNTY OVER THE YEARS HAS DECIDED THAT THEY WANT TO SPEND MOST OF THEIR MONEY ON THE HIGH-RISK AND MEDIUM-RISK OFFENDERS AND THOSE ARE THE ONLY FOLKS THAT

WE TAKE. WE DO NOT TAKE LOW-RISK OFFENDERS. WE DO NOT TAKE PEOPLE INTO THE PROGRAM WHO ARE NOT HOLDABLE IN DETENTION. PROGRAM SAVES DOLLARS BY KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF DETENTION. WE DO NOT TURN DOWN ANYBODY. IF YOU CONTRACT OUT WHEN IT WAS CONTRACTED OUT BEFORE, A -- THEY HAD A CAP. CERTAIN NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD NOT TAKE. THEY DID NOT TAKE THE MEASURE 11 YOUTH. IN PARTICULAR, AVERAGING 10 YOUTH PER DAY ON OUR PROGRAM. WE WERE CALCULATING ABOUT \$300 A DAY TO INCARCERATE THEM, MULTIPLY THAT OUT TIMES 10, \$3,000 AND MULTIPLY THAT OUT BY THE YEAR \$1 -- OVER \$1 MILLION. WE ARE SAVING THE COUNTY MONEY BY HAVING OUR PROGRAM IN PLACE. WE HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO DEAL WITH CRISIS INTERVENTION. IF THERE IS AN ISSUE AT THE HOUSE, WE GO INTO THE HOUSE EVERY TIME WE VISIT. PREVIOUS CONTRACTORS DID NOT DO THAT. WE CAN DO CRISIS INTERVENTION. WE KNOW THE SYSTEM. WE'RE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE FAMILIES WHAT IS GOING ON AND EXACTLY WHAT TO EXPECT. IF YOU CONTRACT OUT, IT WOULD BE -- THEY WILL LIMIT WHAT THEY CAN DO. THE PROGRAM SERVICES TO FAMILIES. WE WILL BE DECREASING THESE SERVICES TO THE YOUTH AND FAMILIES, AND MORE KIDS WILL BE IN DETENTION AND THE ADULT SIDE COSTING THE COUNTY MONEY RATHER THAN SAVING IT. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. R-1. THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH IS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY COMMISSIONER KAFOURY --

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Cogen: WHICH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND I ARE BRINGING FORWARD, A SERIES OF COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY MEASURES THAT WHILE RESPECTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF OUR CITIZENS WOULD ALSO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALONG WITH MANY OF YOU, I WAS DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE SHOOTINGS IN DECEMBER AT CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER AND IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT. AFTER THE INITIAL SHOCK WORE OFF, MY FIRST THOUGHTS TURNED TO WHAT CAN WE DO. THESE HORRIFIC INCIDENTS ARE NOT JUST RANDOM EVENTS. 3,474 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED BY GUNS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE NEWTOWN. THAT'S ONE PERSON EVERY HOUR OF EVERY DAY IN THIS COUNTRY. MANY OF THESE ARE PREVENTIBLE DEATHS. SO, FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A SAFER PLACE. UNFORTUNATELY, IN 1995, THE STATE LEGISLATURE PREEMPTED LOCAL COMMUNITIES FROM LEGISLATING ON MOST AREAS RELATING TO GUN VIOLENCE. THAT'S THE REASON OUR ORDINANCE TODAY DOES NOT INCLUDE MANY OF THE COMMON

SENSE REGULATIONS THAT ARE BEING DEBATED AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL. BY BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS, LIMITING MAGAZINE SALES SIZES, AND REQUIRING UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. THIS ORDINANCE DOES CLOSE SOME IMPORTANT GAPS IN OUR LOCAL POLICIES RELATED TO POSSESSION, DISCHARGE, SAFE STORAGE, AND REPORTING THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO PREVENTING GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'VE HEARD FROM MANY, MANY PEOPLE OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THOSE WHO ARE OPPOSED AND THOSE WHO SUPPORT. ONE COMMENT I'VE HEARD IS THAT THIS ORDINANCE WON'T DO ENOUGH. AND I AGREE THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS NOT THE ENTIRE SOLUTION. IT IS PART OF THE SOLUTION. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON OUR STATE LEGISLATORS AND OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO DO THEIR PART, TO DO THEIR PART OF THE SOLUTION, BECAUSE DOING NOTHING IS NOT AN OPTION. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF INVITED GUESTS TODAY WHO WILL SPEAK TO THE ORDINANCE. CHAIR COGEN DID YOU WANT TO TALK FIRST OR --

>> Chair Cogen: NO.

>> Commissioner Kafoury: JENNY MORF, ROD UNDERHILL, AND DAN STATEN, AND LIEUTENANT FROM THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS JENNY MORF. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ORDINANCE WHICH ADDRESSES GUN VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. AND ALSO AS THE COMMISSIONER SAID, THERE IS PREEMPTION IN STATE OF OREGON FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO LEGISLATE FOR THE USE OF FIREARMS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, A NARROW GAP THAT THE LEGISLATOR LEAVES AVAILABLE FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO LEGISLATE AND IT IS THAT GAP WHICH THIS ORDINANCE SEEKS TO FILL. IT GIVES LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO PROVIDE SAFETY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE NOT THE FIRST JURISDICTION WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY OR WITHIN OUR -- THIS AREA TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION. SO, WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE ALREADY HAVE CITIES, THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND CITY OF TROUTDALE WHICH PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE AND POSSESSION OF LOADED FIREARMS IN A PUBLIC PLACE, AS WELL AS OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE HAVE BEAVERTON, OREGON CITY, BEAVERTON AND OREGON CITY WHICH PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE AND ALSO LOADED WEAPONS IN PUBLIC PLACES. SO, WE SEE THIS SORT OF LEGISLATION, ALTHOUGH NARROW, AND ALTHOUGH JUST A GAP FILLER, IT IS WHAT THE CITIES AND COUNTIES CAN DO IN THESE AREAS. FOR OUR ORDINANCE, WE ARE VERY CLOSELY NEARING THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S ORDINANCE. IT IS NOT IDENTICAL. WE'VE MADE SOME CHANGES, WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY PARTNERS THAT WILL ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN MORE EFFECTIVE REGULATION IN THESE AREAS, AND STREAMLINED PARTS OF THE ORDINANCE. ONE THING THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL SEE WHEN THEY READ OUR ORDINANCE, DEFINITIONS REFER BACK TO THE STATE LAW,

WHEREAS THE CITY OF PORTLAND LAYS OUT ALL OF THE DEFINITIONS. THE REASON WHY IT WAS DRAFTED IN THAT MANNER WAS TO ALLOW FOR CHANGES IN STATE LAW. IF THE STATE LAW CHANGES, OUR ORDINANCE WILL FLEX WITH THE STATE LAW A LITTLE BIT BETTER. SO, THAT WAS THE IDEA THERE. AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, THE MAIN THING HERE IS THAT THE -- THERE IS A LOT OF NUANCES WITHIN THIS LAW AND PEOPLE I KNOW HAVE HAD A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THIS ORDINANCE, LIKE STATE LAW, DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE PERSONS WITH CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITS. SO, A LOT OF PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY JUMP TO THAT AS AN ISSUE OF CONCERN AND SO WE VERY CAREFULLY TRACK STATE LAW AS HAS THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND OTHER SISTER JURISDICTIONS IN MAKING SURE THAT THOSE PREEMPTIONS ARE RECOGNIZED WITHIN OUR ORDINANCE. AND SO THOSE ARE ALL OF THE COMMENTS I HAVE. AND I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME OR WE CAN MOVE ON TO OTHER PANEL MEMBERS.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. WE CAN MOVE ON.

>> THANK YOU, ROD UNDERHILL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I APPRECIATE BEING INVITED TO MAKE COMMENT ON THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER. MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS A RICH HISTORY IN OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST ACTIVITIES. AMONG THOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE HUNTING AND OTHER LAWFUL USE OF FIREARM, SUCH ENDEAVORS AND HOBBIES. THE UNDERHILL CLAN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS AND THE HISTORY OF MY RELATIVES INVOLVE IS MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES THAT I HAVE JUST MENTIONED. A RICH HISTORY OF HUNTING AND OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST TYPE ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES. AND WHILE I DO NOT, AS AN ADULT, PRACTICE THOSE ACTIVITIES, I HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF GOING ON HUNTING TRIPS WITH MY FATHER AND MY BROTHER AND MY COUSINS. LIKE MANY PEOPLE NO DOUBT IN THIS ROOM, THOSE ARE CHERISHED AND IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THEIR LIVES AND SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND HELD CAPTIVE. I NEED TO CONTRAST MY PERSONAL LIFE WITH MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE. MY PROFESSIONAL LIFE AS 25 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND NOW YOUR CURRENT DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS SEEN A LOT OF VERY TRAGIC RESULTS AT THE END OF FIREARM USAGE. I'VE RESPONDED TO WHAT SEEMS TO ME AT TIMES TO BE COUNTLESS HOMICIDE-INVOLVED SCENES, MANY OF WHICH INVOLVE THE USE OF FIREARMS. MY WORK IN THE AREA OF STATE, CHILD, AND LOCAL COUNTY CHILD FATALITY REVIEW, AS WELL AS ADULT INTERACTIONS WITH SUICIDE-TYPE VIOLENCE OFTENTIMES UNFORTUNATELY IS AS A RESULT OF FIREARM USAGE AND STORAGE CONCERNS RELATIVE TO FIREARMS. FURTHER, THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS AND THE TRAGIC RESULTS, YOU KNOW, MIRRORED OR AT LEAST CALLED OUT IN THIS REGION HERE RECENTLY, TRAGIC RESULT WHERE A YOUNG GIRL WAS KILLED ACCIDENTALLY BY USE OF A FIREARM. I CONTRAST MY PERSONAL LIFE WITH BY PROFESSIONAL LIFE -- WE AS A COMMUNITY, CREATING LAWS THAT BALANCE THAT DESIRE TO CONTINUE

THE RICH HISTORY THAT I MENTIONED OF LAWFUL USE OF FIREARMS, BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE WORKED WITH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY. I APPRECIATE CHAIR COGEN IN THEIR EFFORTS TO STRIKE THAT PERFECT BALANCE. THE PERFECT BALANCE THAT CAN ALLOW FOR BOTH THINGS TO CONTINUE. I BELIEVE THAT HAS OCCURRED WITH THIS ORDINANCE. AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE INVOLVEMENT THAT MY OFFICE HAS HAD IN WORKING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, JENNIFER MOVER'S OFFICE. WE HAVE BEEN A PARTNER -- I THINK WE WERE ONE OF THE PEOPLE SHE MIGHT HAVE TOUCHED ON AS HAVING EYES ON THIS LEGISLATION, COMING UP WITH A FAIR AND BALANCED ORDINANCE, ONE THAT ALLOWS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT DISCRETION, PROSECUTION DISCRETION, AS WELL AS JUDICIAL DISCRETION RELATIVE TO SANCTIONS FOR THESE PEOPLE WHO DO ENGAGE IN UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR RELATIVE TO FIREARM USE. WE HAVE REACHED AND STRUCK THAT BALANCE AND FOR THAT I AM VERY, VERY PLEASED THAT -- AND, IN FACT, A -- I ASSIGNED ONE OF MY MOST EXPERIENCED, INCITEFUL AND WISE PROSECUTORS, CHIEF DEPUTY SPARKS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH JEN MORF AND OTHERS TO COME UP WITH THE ORDINANCE THAT WE BELIEVE IS THE -- IS BOTH THAT FAIR AND BALANCED ONE THAT I MENTIONED, BUT ALSO ONE THAT IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND WILL BE SUPPORTED WHEN CHALLENGED IN A COURTROOM DOWNSTREAM. THE BENEFITS THAT I SEE DERIVED COUNTY-WIDE THE CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IT IS ALREADY MENTIONED SO I WON'T REPEAT THE COMMENTS ABOUT THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT HAVE SIMILAR AND IN MANY WAYS THE SAME TYPE OF ORDINANCE. HAVING CONSISTENCY HAS VALUE AS WELL. YOU WILL HEAR A LITTLE LATER FROM SOME BOOTS ON THE GROUND FOLKS, SUCH AS THE LIEUTENANT WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU GANG UNIT AND THE PRACTICAL IMPACTED THAT THIS KIND OF ENFORCEMENT CAN HAVE IN US CURBING PUBLIC VIOLENCE AND PERCEIVED ANTICIPATION OF VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO YOU WILL HEAR SOME OF THOSE. I DON'T NEED TO NECESSARILY GO INTO THOSE THINGS. SO, IN SUMMARY, I COMPLETELY SUPPORT THIS RESPONSIBLE, BALANCED EFFORT TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY OFFICE WILL, AS ALWAYS, RECEIVE THE INVESTIGATION REPORTS, WE WILL REVIEW THEM RESPONSIBLY, ISSUE THOSE CASES THAT SHOULD BE ISSUED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND DEAL WITH THEM FAIRLY USING THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF DISCRETION, BOTH WITH THE INDIVIDUALS, THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OF COURSE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU MR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY. GOOD MORNING SHERIFF.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WORKING WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SPECIFICALLY WITH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY'S OFFICE AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL'S OFFICE. WITH THE PROPOSED COUNTY

ORDINANCE RELATING TO FIREARM SAFETY, IT IS STRICTLY HERE AND DESIGNED FROM OUR UNDERSTANDING TO CODIFY EXISTING ORDINANCES AND TO STRENGTHEN THOSE ORDINANCES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE BY MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE PASSAGE OF THESE ORDINANCES, AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THIS, WILL NOT INHIBIT COUNTY CITIZENS ABILITIES TO PURCHASE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, FIREARMS CAPACITY OR SIT ENS TO POSSESS FIREARMS WHILE ENGAGED IN LAWFUL ACTIVITIES. BETTER TOOLS TO DEAL WITH THE UNLAWFUL AND DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES WHICH TAKE PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED BOTH TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OTHER LOCAL AGENCIES TO BE DANGEROUS TO THE COMMUNITY AS IT EXISTS BOTH IN INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY. THESE ORDINANCES ARE DIRECTED TO SPECIFIC PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES, INCLUDING GETTING BETTER TIMELY INFORMATION ON STOLEN FIREARMS, PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN, AND ALSO IDENTIFY THE STORAGE OF UNSAFE WEAPONS AND ALSO TO IDENTIFY HOW THESE WEAPONS ARE USED WITH REGARDS TO GANG VIOLENCE. AGAIN, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT OUR BELIEF AND THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOOKING AT IT, IT WILL NOT IMPACT EXISTING PRACTICES, POLICIES OR ORDINANCES THAT WE USE INTERNALLY AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHEN DEALING WITH THOSE CITIZENS THAT ARE IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SOME OF THE PERCEPTION THAT WE HAVE SEEN COMING INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE THAT THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE OR THAT WE WILL BE VIOLATING OR IMPEDING ON SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS. NO, THAT IS NOT THE CASE. ALL WE'RE DOING IS ADDRESSING EXISTING ORDINANCES, THE COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY, I WANT TO THANK HER FOR ACTUALLY BRINGING THESE ORDINANCES TO LIGHT AND GETTING THEM ON PAPER. IT IS A BETTER TOOL BOTH FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND ALSO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE HAVE THOROUGHLY ENGAGED WITH ALL OF OUR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS IN THIS MATTER AND WE'RE IN AGREEMENT. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT THIS POINT, FOR ANYONE THAT HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THIS, WE HAVE ALREADY STRUCTURED A BALANCED APPROACH TO INFORMING THE COMMUNITY IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS THAT MAY EXIST BEYOND THE POINT OF THIS BOARD'S SESSION AND THE ONE PROJECTED FOR NEXT WEEK. IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD ON THIS MATTER --

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, SHERIFF. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, CHIEF REESE APOLOGIZES. HE WAS PULLED THE LAST SECOND FOR ANOTHER MEETING I'M A LIEUTENANT WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU -- GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM AND GUN TASK FORCE HERE IN PORTLAND. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN GUN CRIMES AND ILLEGAL GUN ACTIVITY. THIS TREND, WHICH WAS PRIMARILY IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WE SEE THE TREND IS MOVING OUT EAST TOWARDS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF

PORTLAND, MOVING INTO THE COUNTY. LAST YEAR, OUR GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM RESPONDED TO 118 MEASURE 11 TYPE CRIME INVESTIGATIONS. OF THOSE, APPROXIMATELY 109 OF THEM INVOLVED THE USE OF FIREARMS. AGAIN, THIS TREND OF GANG VIOLENCE WE SEE IS MOVING OUT TOWARDS THE EAST. JUST SINCE SPRING BREAK, A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE HAVE HAD SIX GANG-RELATED SHOOTINGS HERE IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND THE CLOSEST ONE OUT EAST WAS 162 AND BURNSIDE ON THE MAX PLATFORM JUST THE OTHER NIGHT. IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WE HAVE SIMILAR ORDINANCES AS THE ONE DISCUSSED TODAY, WHICH GIVE OFFICERS TOOLS IN TRYING TO STOP AND INTERVENE THIS GANG AND GUN VIOLENCE. POSSESSION OF A LOADED FIREARM IN A PUBLIC PLACE, THIS GIVES THE OFFICERS IN THE STREET A BETTER TOOL TO SEIZE AND SEARCH FOR FIREARMS IN THE CARS. A LOT OF TIMES THE FIREARMS ARE CONCEALED IN GLOVE BOXES AND IN THE TRUNKS OF VEHICLES, AND UNDER STATE LAW, WHICH WOULD BE LEGAL. IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND, FALLS UNDER THIS ORDINANCE, POSSESSION OF A LOADED FIREARM IN A PUBLIC PLACE, WHICH IS A CRIME IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THIS HAS LED TO SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE OF FIREARMS FROM PEOPLE INVOLVED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. AND WE USE THIS DAILY TO INTERVENE IN GUN VIOLENCE. ENDANGERING A CHILD BY ALLOWING ACCESS TO A FIREARM, THE CITY HAS A SIMILAR ORDINANCE AS THIS. WE DON'T USE IT AS MUCH OF AN ENFORCEMENT TOOL, BUT MORE AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL. CITY OF PORTLAND, ENFORCED THIS ONE TIME IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, HOWEVER, THE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT WAS HUGE WHERE WE -- THE MEDIA GOT INVOLVED AND WE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF GUN SAFETY AT ALL LEVELS. I REMEMBER WHEN THIS LAW FIRST CAME OUT AS A LOCAL SPORTING GOOD STORES WHERE I WAS LOOKING AT FIREARMS, AND THE SALES CLERK, DO YOU REALIZE THE NEW CITY OF PORTLAND RULES, IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY, YOU NEED TO GET A GUN SAFE AND KEEP IT LOCKED UP, WHICH I THOUGHT WAS GREAT. TEACHING EVERYONE WITH GUN SAFETY. SO, ON BEHALF OF CHIEF REESE, AGAIN, HE APOLOGIZES FOR NOT BEING HERE, WE STAND IN LINE WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND THESE ORDINANCES.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO YOU WANT TO CALL THE NEXT FOUR?

>> THE NEXT PANEL.

>> Chair Cogen: COME FORWARD IF COMMISSIONER KAFOURY JUST CALLED YOUR NAME.

>> I WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO SEE VAUGHN. THAT IS WHY I ASKED HER TO MOVE TO THE SPOT. I WILL BE BRIEF. MY NAME IS ALISE, PRESIDENT OF CEASE-FIRE OREGON. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR 20 YEARS IN THE STATE TO TRY IT REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSED

ORDINANCE FOR ALL OF THE REASONS JUST STATED BY THE EXPERTS ON THE PRIOR PANEL. THANK YOU. THE ORDINANCE WILL HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY PUT GUNS WITHIN EASY REACH OF CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS. YES, PLEASE LIMIT THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS -- REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LOADED GUNS ON OUR STREETS WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS. WE READ IN THE PAPER ALL OF THE TIME ABOUT THESE -- USED TO LEAD TO FIST FIGHTS BUT NOW THEY LEAD TO SHOOTINGS. AS THE FIRST PANEL HAS SAID, THIS ORDINANCE IS CONSTITUTIONAL, IT DOES NOT IMPEDE THE SECOND AMENDMENT. YES, REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF LOST AND STOLEN FIREARMS. EXPERTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREE THAT THIS IS A SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE WAY TO KEEP PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPLYING CRIMINALS WITH GUNS FROM FALSELY CLAIMING THAT THE GUNS WERE STOLEN. IT IS ONE WAY TO CUT OFF THE SUPPLY OF GUNS TO FELONS AND DANGEROUS PEOPLE, IT'S A WAY TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM SUPPLYING GUNS TO TEENAGERS. YES, WE SHOULD HOLD GUN OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR GUNS AWAY FROM TEENAGERS AND CHILDREN. IF YOU OWN A GUN, YOU MUST ACT RESPONSIBLY AND THAT MEANS ENSURING THAT KIDS DO NOT GET YOUR GUNS AND SHOOT THEMSELVES OR OTHERS. MANY STATES HAVE LAWS THAT HOLD GUN OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR GUNS AWAY FROM KIDS. THOSE LAWS PROTECT CHILDREN, JUST LIKE LAWS THAT MANDATE CHILD SAFETY SEATS, JUST LIKE LAWS THAT REQUIRE KIDS TO WEAR HELMETS WHEN RIDING THEIR BIKES. SO, TOO, SHOULD WE REQUIRE ADULTS TO KEEP THEIR GUNS AWAY FROM CHILDREN. ENACTING THIS ORDINANCE IS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN DO NOW TO PREVENT SHOOTINGS AND SAVE LIVES. PLEASE DO SO. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: WHY DON'T YOU GO NEXT, MA'AM.

>> MY NAME IS MELISSA, A GENERAL PEDIATRICIAN AT OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE OREGON PEDIATRIC SOCIETY FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCES THAT ADDRESS FIREARM SAFETY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE FEEL THIS LEGISLATION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT STEP TO MAKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SAFER FOR CHILDREN. GUN INJURIES CAUSE MORE DEATHS IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THIS COUNTRY THAN CANCER, HEART DISEASE, INFECTION COMBINED. THOSE OF US WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE PARENTS KNOW THAT IF A CHILD SEES AN UNATTENDED GUN, HE MAY PICK IT UP AND POINT IT AT SOMEONE. PLEASE TURN TO THE FIRST PAGE OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN YOUR HANDOUTS THAT ARE BEFORE YOU. AND YOU WILL SEE PHOTOS OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL SHOT IN THE ABDOMEN LAST YEAR IN HER CLASSROOM IN BREMERTON, WASHINGTON, BY A NINE-YEAR-OLD STUDENT. HE BROUGHT A LOADED GUN FROM HOME. ON THE NEXT PAGE IS A PHOTO OF AUSTIN STOKES, 12, OF OREGON CITY, SHOT IN THE HEAD BY HIS 13-YEAR-OLD FRIEND TWO YEARS AGO. THE BOYS WERE PLAYING WITH A SHOTGUN THAT HAD NOT BEEN PUT AWAY AFTER A HUNTING

TRIP THE DAY BEFORE. MANY OF US WHO ARE PARENTS MAY RECALL A TIME THAT WE UNINTENTIONALLY LEFT SOMETHING HAZARDOUS IN A CHILD'S WEEK. A POLICE OFFICER IN WASHINGTON USUALLY STRAPPED HIS REVOLVER TO HIS ANKLE, BUT ONE YEAR AGO HE LEFT IT IN THE FAMILY VAN TUCKED UNDER THE DASH. HIS YOUNG SON FOUND IT AND SHOT SEVEN-YEAR-OLD JENNA IN THE CHEST. YOU CAN SEE HER PHOTOGRAPH ON THE NEXT PAGE. JENNA DIED THE NEXT DAY. TURN THE PAGE AGAIN AND YOU SEE A PHOTO OF JULIO -- HE WAS THREE WHEN HE KILLED HIMSELF IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON, AFTER HIS PARENTS LEFT A LOADED GUN UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT WHEN STOPPING FOR GAS. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN. THOSE OF US WHO KNOW THE PUBLIC HEALTH DATA UNDERSTAND THAT ALLOWING GUNS IN PUBLIC PLACES OR ALLOWING CHILDREN ACCESS TO GUNS INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF TRAGIC DEATH OR INJURY. SOME MAY SAY THAT THE LAWS UNDER DISCUSSION TODAY WOULD NOT HAVE PREVENTED THE TRAGEDIES AT CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER OR NEWTOWN, AND THEY ARE RIGHT. BUT IF THEY PREVENT ONE DEATH, IT WILL BE WORTH IT. AS PEDIATRICIANS, WE ASK YOU THAT PASS THESE LAWS TO DECREASE CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS AND TO HOLD ADULTS RESPONSIBLE WHEN THEY DO NOT KEEP GUNS SAFE FROM CHILDREN. AS PRIMARY CARE PEDIATRICIANS, PREVENTION IS OUR CORE WORK. WE AIM TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ALL THINGS THAT CAN HARM THEM. IF YOU PASS THESE LAWS, YOU WILL HELP US DO THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> HI, NAME IS JENA, AND MY MOM WAS CINDY, KILLED AT THE CLACKAMAS TOWN SHOOTINGS IN DECEMBER. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE SO THAT OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER AS WE DID. WHAT HAPPENED AT CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO ANYONE. AND IF THE SHOOTER HAD KNOWN HOW TO USE THE WEAPON PROPERLY, MANY MORE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED. FIRST I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE LEADERSHIP THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE TAKEN. IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE -- AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE. THAT SAID, IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE, AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE U.S. SENATE FAILURE TO MOVE COMMON SENSE GUN REFORM YESTERDAY, IT IS VITAL WE COME TOGETHER ON COMMON GROUND ON HOW TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IN OREGON, AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION. THERE ARE SMART, REASONABLE WAYS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY MOST OREGONIANS AND MOST AMERICANS. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF PUSHING FOR REFORM, AND THIS ORDINANCE IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THERE ARE TOO MANY GUNS WITH THE CAPACITY FOR MASS MURDER TOO EASILY AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE THEM. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CONVICTED FELONS, PEOPLE CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. OUR CURRENT SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED. WE NEED

LEADERS LIKE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND OTHERS TO HELP LEAD THE WAY FOR WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THE COMING YEARS AND COMING LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. WE NEED COMMON SENSE REGULATIONS OF FIREARMS IN ALL JURISDICTIONS FROM LOCAL TO FEDERAL. REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE, BUT THAT IS NOT AN EXCUSE FOR INACTION. WE MUST TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT WE CAN IN ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THIS IS WHAT WE CAN DO ON THE COUNTY LEVEL. LIKE WE HAVE SEEN IN BOSTON, IT IS TIME FOR AMERICANS TO COME TOGETHER. WE NEED TO HELP EACH OTHER. WE NEED TO STOP POINTING FINGERS, TAKING IDEOLOGICAL STANDS AND STOP ADVOCATING THAT MORE GUNS AVAILABLE TO MORE PEOPLE IS THE ANSWER. IT IS NOT. THESE ARE COMMON SENSE GUN REFORMS. THEY MAY NOT PREVENT ALL FUTURE MASSACRES BUT THEY ARE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IF WE CAN SAVE ONE PERSON, ONE CHILD, ONE PARENT, A FEW HUNDRED, A FEW THOUSAND FROM LOSING THEIR LIVES TO GUN VIOLENCE IN THE FUTURE WHILE PRESERVING OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO SO. AS I SAID, THIS ORDINANCE IS DEFINITELY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ON THE ISSUE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY AND I WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE ARE SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.

>> GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS AND CHAIR COGEN. AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDLY HOUSE A NON-PROFIT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER THAT WORKS WITH CHILDREN, FAMILIES, OLDER ADULTS, AND HOLDS COUNTY CONTRACTS, I AM CONCERNED THAT THE MOST -- WITH THE MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY. THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL SECURE, THAT THEY CAN GO TO SCHOOL, EVENTS, THE MALL, FRIENDLY HOUSE WITHOUT FEAR THAT THEIR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE. I COME TO YOU TODAY BECAUSE I ALSO HAVE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH GUN VIOLENCE. ON MAY 30th, 2012, MY BROTHER, JOSEPH, THIS GUY, WAS DRINKING COFFEE AT CAFE IN SEATTLE WHEN A MAN WHO WAS MENTALLY ILL AND ARRESTED FOR ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION, WALKED IN AND MURDERED HIM, ALONG WITH THREE OTHERS, SEVERELY INJURING ANOTHER, AND A LITTLE WHILE LATER, KILLED A WOMAN WHO WAS NOT IN THE CAFE. THE MAN OWNED HALF A DOZEN GUNS. JOSEPH WAS A SELF TAUGHT BASSIST. HE WAS A MEMBER OF CIRCUS CONTRAPTION, A BAND OF JUGGLERS, TRAPEZE ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS AND PLAYED THE UPRIGHT BASS. THE CIRCUS PERFORMED IN PORTLAND AND THE OREGON COUNTRY FAIR MANY TIMES TO THE DELIGHT OF THEIR AUDIENCES. JOSEPH WAS THE MOST CHRIST-LIKE PERSON I HAVE EVER KNOWN. BEAUTIFUL INSIDE AND OUT, UNTIL THE DAY HE DIED. AND THEN HE WASN'T. I INSISTED THERE BE A VIEWING. THE UNDERTAKER DRESSED HIM IN HIS TUXEDO AND FLUFFED THE

LINING OF THE CASKET AROUND THE PART OF HIS SKULL THAT HAD BEEN BLOWN AWAY. PEOPLE SAY MY BROTHER WAS IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME. THAT KIND OF THINKING WILL KEEP US LOCKED UP IN OUR OWN SUPPOSEDLY SAFE HOUSES AND CAUSE OUR VITAL COMMUNITIES TO DIE ON THE VINE. JOE, DREW, KIM, DAWN WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME. A PLACE WHERE COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS GATHERED NEARLY EVERY DAY TO DRINK COFFEE, TALK ABOUT MUSIC AND TELL JOKES. NOT UNLIKE WHAT YOU WOULD SEE AT MANY COFFEE HOUSES IN OUR COUNTY. THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND A VERY SICK MAN ARMED WITH TWO GUNS WALKED IN IN THE LIGHT OF DAY AND EXECUTED THEM. JOE'S BODY WAS FOUND BEHIND THE BAR SPRAWLED OVER ANOTHER VICTIM. MY BROTHER'S LAST ACT WAS TO TRY TO SAVE THE LIFE OF HIS FRIEND BY COVERING HER'S WITH HIS OWN BODY. THEN THE MAN WALKED DOWN THE STREET, CONFRONTED GLORIA, A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, SHOT HER IN THE FACE AND RAN OVER HER WITH HER OWN CAR. THE POLICE CONDUCTED A HOUSE-TO-HOUSE SEARCH AND THAT AFTERNOON FOUND THE MAN WALKING DOWN THE STREET. AS THEY APPROACHED, HE TURNED ONE OF HIS GUNS ON HIMSELF AND DIED. WE ARE LOSING OUR BROTHERS, OUR CHILDREN, OUR TEACHERS. IN THE LAST YEAR, GUNS TOOK THE LIVES OF OVER 31,000 AMERICANS. IT'S TOO LATE FOR MY BROTHER. IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE GOOD PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES WERE CUT SHORT AT CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER, AND THE 26 CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO DIED IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AND THE 3,513 HUMAN BEINGS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES TO GUN VIOLENCE AS OF THIS MORNING SINCE NEWTOWN. BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CAN YOU WRAP YOUR MINDS AROUND THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE YOU LOVE MAY WELL DIE A GUN RELATED DEATH? BEFORE MAY 30th OF LAST YEAR, I CERTAINLY COULDN'T. I DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO EVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH WHAT MY FAMILY AND I ARE GOING THROUGH. I DON'T WANT ANY OF YOU TO EVER GET A PHONE CALL AT WORK FROM YOUR SISTER NEARLY INCOHERENT TELLING YOU THAT YOUR BROTHER MAY BE DEAD. I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO TO YOUR BROTHER'S FACEBOOK PAGE FRANTIC TO GET INFORMATION AND SEE REST IN PEACE POSTED ON HIS WALL. I APPLAUD YOU COMMISSIONERS FOR USING YOUR POWER HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DO WHAT YOU CAN TO PREVENT CAFE RAISER TYPE SHOOTING FROM HAPPENING HERE. YOU HAVE MY GREATEST RESPECT AND GRATITUDE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING. DO WE HAVE ADDITIONAL?

>> WE HAVE ONE MORE PANEL. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. DR. VIRGINIA FELDMAN, JENNIFER LYNCH, ANDREA, AND MARK GINSBURG.

>> THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS. I'M DR. VIRGINIA FELDMAN. OVER 30 YEARS AS A PEDIATRICIAN IN NORTH PORTLAND, I WORK WITH FORWARD-LOOKING LAWMAKERS LIKE YOUR SELVES TO RISE ABOVE OBJECTIONS CLAIMING

UNRESTRICTED RIGHTS. SO NOW WE HAVE SENSIBLE LAWS FOR PROVEN HEALTH INTERVENTIONS, SEAT BELTS, BIKE HELMETS, DRUG SAFETY CAPS, GREATLY REDUCING INJURIES AND DEATHS. WHY NOT GUNS? INTERVENTIONS DO WORK. RESEARCH SHOW LOCALS WITH STRICTER GUN LAWS HAVE LOWER HOMICIDE RATES. MY PATIENTS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WITH GUNS IN THE HOME, MY KEIZER NURSE KILLED WITH A GUN STOLEN FROM AN UNLOCKED CLOSET. MY PATIENTS HAVE BEEN BOTH VICTIMS AND PERPETRATORS OF NIGHTTIME GANG SHOOTINGS. STATE LAW PREEMPTIONS, PREVENT YOU FROM DOING EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED. BUT PASS WHAT YOU CAN NOW, AND THEN WORK WITH THE LEGISLATOR TO GET WHAT WE NEED FURTHER TO PROTECT US SO AN ENTIRE FAMILY WON'T BE BLASTED AWAY BY THEIR FATHER KNOWN FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, MY DEPRESSED PATIENT CAN'T KILL HERSELF -- SUICIDE GESTURES WITH GUNS USUALLY FATAL. SUICIDE GESTURES WITH DRUGS, RARELY FATAL. CITIZENS WHO THINK GUNS MAKE THEM SAFER ARE MISTAKEN. CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN HOMES WITH GUNS OVER THREE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DIE BY THAT GUN FROM HOMICIDE OR SUICIDE. CONTRARY TO EXAGGERATED -- FBA AND CRIME VICTIMIZATION DATA SHOW THAT GUNS ARE USED IN SELF-DEFENSELESS THAN 0.1% OF 20 MILLION REPORTED CRIMES. IF GUNS ARE PROTECTED WHY DO JUDGES AND OUR MARE PREVENT THEM IN COURT AND CITY HALL. I WAS AT A RECENT OUTDOOR RALLY WITH LOTS OF KIDS WHERE MEN TOUTED ASSAULT WEAPONS. I ASSUMED THEY WERE LOADED. WITH SUCH WEAPONS, THERE WAS NO FREE SPEECH. THERE IS NO DIALOGUE. KEEP OUR PUBLIC PLACES FREE FROM SUCH WEAPONS. CONTRARY TO OTHER CLAIMS, CHILDREN CANNOT DEVELOPMENTALLY, TAKE ALL OF THE STEPS REQUIRED FOR RELIABLE GUN SAFETY, CONTROLLED STUDIES FOUND NO DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN PLAYING DANGEROUSLY WITH GUNS AFTER NRA EDUCATION. PERFECT LOCKING OF HOME GUNS PROVIDES AT LEAST SOME PROTECTION FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN. PLEASE LOOK AT THIS DATA AND NOT MISPLACED FEAR. LIMIT POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF LOADED GUNS IN PUBLIC, REQUIRE STOLEN GUN REPORTING, TIGHTEN CURFEWS AND PREVENT KIDS' ACCESS TO GUNS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK GINSBURG. I HAVE NEVER TESTIFIED HERE BEFORE. I COME IN SUPPORT OF TODAY'S ORDINANCE, BUT BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, I'M AN ATTORNEY. MY OFFICE IS WALKING DISTANCE FROM WHERE WE SIT TODAY. BY WAY OF IDENTIFICATION, NOT ENDORSEMENT, OREGON TRIAL LAWYERS, CITY PORTLAND OF NEIGHBORHOOD -- I HAVE SERVED ON SEVERAL CITY COMMITTEES AND HAVE TESTIFIED IN FRONT OF COUNTY COMMITTEES AND NEVER IN FRONT OF THIS BODY. I AM ALSO A GUN OWNER. I ALSO HAVE A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE. I HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ONE OF WHOM IS EIGHT YEARS OLD. MY DAUGHTER IS FOUR, MY SON IS EIGHT. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT I MAKE CHOICES TO HAVE TOOLS IN MY HOUSE THAT ARE VERY DANGEROUS. AND THAT I KEEP THEM LOCKED UP.

BUT NOT EVERYBODY MAKES THOSE CHOICES. BEING A LAWYER, I SPENT THE TIME READING THE ORDINANCE AND FOLLOWING IT TO THE OREGON REVISED STATUTES WHICH REFERENCED OTHER OREGON REVISED STATUTES AND I WORKED MY WAY BACKWARDS THROUGH ALL OF THAT, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I DO AND FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING IT. IN COMING HERE TODAY TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I READ ALL OF THAT AND IT SIMPLY DOES MAKE SENSE. I DON'T WANT TO USE THE SAME TALKING POINTS THAT OTHERS HAVE DONE BEFORE ME, BUT, YOU KNOW, THE CHOICES ARE STARK. WE CAN DO NOTHING OR WE CAN DO SOMETHING. AND THE ANSWER IS ALWAYS TRUE, WHETHER IT IS RESPONDING IN BOSTON ON MONDAY. OR HELPING OUR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT SOMETHING, SOMETHING, EVERY TIME SOMETHING IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN NOTHING, SO I THANK YOU ALL AND AS A PERSON WHO HUNTS, AS A PERSON WHO SHOOTS RECREATIONALLY, AND AS A PERSON WHO SOMETIMES CARRIES A PISTOL WITH HIM LEGALLY, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN, YOU KNOW, WHAT SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY MORE AND MORE FREQUENTLY IS A VERY DIVISIVE ISSUE. I PERCEIVE THAT I'M SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE, AND IF YOU NEED TO HEAR FROM OTHER PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE, YOU KNOW, THERE IS LOTS OF MY FRIENDS WHO AGREE WITH ME WHO KNOW THAT I'M HERE TODAY AND HAVE ENCOURAGED ME TO COME AND TESTIFY. I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JENNIFER LYNCH, I LIVE IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND. I'M A MOTHER OF THREE CHILDREN. I HAVE A FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AS WELL AND TWIN SONS WHO ARE NEARLY TWO. I'M ALSO THE CHAPTER LEAD OF A NEW ORGANIZATION, MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA. WE WERE FORMED IN THE WAKE OF THE TRAGIC SHOOTINGS AT CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER IN MID-DECEMBER, SHOOTINGS SO QUICKLY FOLLOWED BY AN EVEN GREATER HORROR IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT. THAT WEEK IT BECAME CHEER TO ME THAT IT WAS GOING TO TAKE A LOT MORE THAN HOPE AND PRAYERS TO CHANGE GUN LAWS IN THIS COUNTRY. MY ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED TO MOBILIZE MOMS TO DEMAND ACTION FOR COMMON SENSE GUN LAW REFORMS. THE ORDINANCE PROPOSED BY COMMISSIONER KAFOURY IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF COMMON SENSE. BOTH GUN OWNERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, ONES YOU HAVE HEARD FROM TODAY AGREE THAT CLEAR, COMPREHENSIVE CONSISTENT LAWS PROTECT GUN OWNERS AND THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE. PROPOSED ORDINANCE CONTAINS A COMMON SENSE CARD OUT FOR LICENSE HOLDERS, LAW ABIDING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. PROPER STORAGE AND HANDLING OF WEAPONS FIRST LESSON A RESPONSIBLE GUN-OWNING PARENT TEACHES HER CHILDREN. WE NEED TO SEND A MESSAGE IN OUR COUNTY THAT WE WILL NOT TOLERATE MISTAKES THAT LEAD TO STOLEN GUNS, THE SAME STOLEN GUNS THAT LEAD TO DEVASTATION IN OUR

COMMUNITIES. THAT POLICY HAS BEEN GOOD FOR PORTLAND FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, AND IT WILL BE GOOD FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSION FOR INTRODUCING THESE ORDINANCES TODAY AND FOR MAKING GUN SAFETY A PRIORITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. SAFETY OF OREGON'S CHILDREN IS MY ORGANIZATION'S TOP PRIORITY AND I'M GLAD TO LEND MY SUPPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON THEIR ACTION TODAY.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> ANDREA POLUSO, DIRECTOR OF FAMILY FORWARD ORGANIZE -- I'M HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE ORDINANCE. GUN VIOLENCE PROBLEM IN THIS COUNTRY, A FAILURE OF LEADERSHIP IN TAKING THESE COMMON SENSE PREVENTIVE STEPS TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL. A PATH TO SANITY AROUND GUN VIOLENCE WILL REQUIRE ALL OF US TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN. WE CANNOT RELY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALONE FOR ACTION. CITY, COUNTY, STATE, FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST RISE TO THE CHALLENGE TO ADDRESS PERVASIVE GUN VIOLENCE. WE SHOULD NOT SHY AWAY FROM IT, BECAUSE OF A SMALL BUT VOCAL MINORITY OF GUN ADVOCATES AND GUN MANUFACTURERS WHO DO NOT REPRESENT THE OVERWHELMING WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY OR THIS COUNTY. THERE WILL BE NO ONE SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. A COMBINATION OF ACTIONS THAT WILL LEAD TO CHANGE. WE DON'T KNOW YET WHICH SOLUTIONS WILL HAVE THE MOST IMPACT, BUT WE MUST DO ALL THAT WE CAN NOW AND CONTINUE TO FINE-TUNE AND IMPROVE OUR LAWS OVER TIME AS WE LEARN ABOUT THE EFFICACY OF THESE SOLUTIONS. AND WE ALL MUST ACT. AS A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE AND ACTIVIST, I AM SO FORTUNATE THAT MY PATHWAY TO ACTIVISM WAS NOT THROUGH THE TRAGIC AND VIOLENT DEATH OF MY CHILD, BUT AS A MOTHER, I CANNOT STAND BY AND DO NOTHING WHILE KNOWING THAT THIS IS THE PATHWAY TO ACTIVISM FOR SO MANY MOTHERS ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. AS A MOTHER, I DO ALL THAT I CAN TO KEEP MY KIDS SAFE AT HOME. I DON'T KEEP A GUN IN MY HOUSE. IF I DID, I WOULD KEEP IT LOCKED SECURELY. I TALK TO MY KIDS ON HOW TO REMAIN SAFE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S HOMES WHO HAVE GUNS. WE ASK OUR OTHER PARENTS WHOSE HOMES OUR KIDS VISIT FOR THE SAME INFORMATION TO MAKE SURE THAT MY KIDS ARE SAFE WHEN THEY'RE VISITING FRIENDS. I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS A MOTHER TO DO ALL I CAN TO ENSURE MY KID'S SAFETY, HOWEVER, I CANNOT CONTROL HOW SAFE MY KIDS ARE IN PUBLIC SPACES. THAT IS WHERE I LOOK TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP. I SET THE RULES AT MY HOUSE, BUT I DO NOT SET RULES IN THE PLACES THAT MY FAMILY FREQUENTS AROUND THIS COUNTY, BUT YOU DO. YOU ALSO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN TO REASONABLY ENSURE THAT THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY, INCLUDING MY OWN FAMILY ARE SAFE. AS GABBY GIFFORDS SAID YESTERDAY, BY TAKING ACTION, WE ARE HONORING THE LEGACY OF THE THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BEGGED FOR

ACTION, NOT BECAUSE IT WOULD BRING THEIR LOVED ONES BACK BUT SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT BE SPARED THEIR AGONY. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: I BELIEVE WE HAVE PEOPLE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WE WILL CALL PEOPLE UP. I WILL ASK YOU TO LIMIT YOUR TESTIMONY TO TWO MINUTES, PLEASE.

>> COUNCILOR MICHAEL McCORMICK, COUNCILOR GLEN WHITE, SHANNON WHITE, AND MATTHEW WANT PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>> Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

>> I'M GRESHAM CITY COUNCILOR AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY. I'M HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF AND MY VIEWS AS A CITIZEN. SUPPORTING THE -- SOME PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, I DO HAVE CONCERNS I WANT TO EXPRESS TO YOU. FIRST I'M VERY SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS TO HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR INAPPROPRIATELY ALLOWING A MINOR'S ACCESS TO FIREARMS. SECOND, I CAN SUPPORT MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE A FIREARM WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND I SHOULD NOTE THAT GRESHAM ALREADY HAS A SIMILAR ORDINANCE IN PLACE. I AM SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAILURE TO REPORT THEFT PROVISION AS I FELT IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE WHEN A PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW THAT A FIREARM IS STOLEN OR CANNOT BE LOCATED. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT LIMITATIONS ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS TO POSSESS A LOADED FIREARM IN A PUBLIC PLACE, INCLUDED IN A VEHICLE, ON A PUBLIC STREET. I THINK THIS PROVISION IN PARTICULAR PUNISHES RESPONSIBLE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND ASSURES THAT ONLY PEOPLE CARRYING LOADED WEAPONS WILL BE THOSE OUT TO DO HARM. FINALLY, I BELIEVE IT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY TO LEGISLATE ISSUES WITHIN INCORPORATED AREAS. YOU SHOULD RESPECT AND SUPPORT OUR RIGHT TO DEBATE AND DECIDE ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES, EVEN IF THAT MEANS OUR DECISIONS ARE NOT THE SAME AS YOURS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M A RESIDENT OF TROUTDALE. I READ THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE YESTERDAY THAT WAS IN "THE OREGONIAN," AND I WAS STRUCK BY THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE BECAUSE SELDOM HAS AN ORDINANCE COMBINED NEARLY COMPLETE INEFFECTIVENESS AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT HERE TODAY FROM THE SHERIFF WAS THAT NO SHERIFF'S POLICIES WILL CHANGE AS A RESULT OF THIS ORDINANCE. WHAT THAT MEANS IS THIS ORDINANCE DOES NOTHING. AS THE COUNTY CHARGED IN PART WITH DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND DRUG ADDICTION AND ABUSE

AND OTHER PROBLEMS, YOU ACTUALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE POSITIVE, REASONABLE AND PROPER STEPS TO PREVENT WIDESPREAD GUN MASSACRES. THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO DO IT. INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE DIFFICULT PROCESS OF PUSHING BACK AGAINST THE ACLU, AND SOME OF THE SHORT-SIDED CUTS WE HAVE SEEN IN MENTAL HEALTH THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL TO ENDANGER THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, YOU'RE TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT. YOU'RE POINTING THE FINGER AT THE OTHER. THE CLASS OF PEOPLE FROM EACH COUNTY, THE CLASS OF PEOPLE WHO GREW UP AROUND GUNS WHO ARE NOT THE CAUSE OF ANY OF YOUR PROBLEMS, AND YOU ARE ADVANCING A BILL THAT WILL MAKE ALL OF YOU LOOK VERY GOOD IN YOUR NEXT ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RISE UP AND THE PEOPLE IN THE PEARL DISTRICT WILL SAY, WOW, LOOK AT THE COURAGE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL IN FACING DOWN THE NRA. THAT MIGHT WORK FOR THE NEXT ELECTION CYCLE, BUT IT ISN'T PROPER POLICY. AS ELECTED LEADERS, WE ARE CHARGED WITH STANDING ABOVE, WITH DOING A BETTER JOB, WITH ACTUALLY SOLVING PROBLEMS, NOT TAKING CHEAP POLITICAL POINTS. WHEN I READ "TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD" AS A CHILD, DID ATTICUS FINCH STAND IN FRONT OF THE ANGRY MOB AND INVITE THEM IN TO GO AFTER THE PERSON THAT WAS BEING HELD, OR DID ATTICUS FIN MUCH CALL ON THEM TO HAVE A HIGHER DUTY TO LOOK AT THE PROBLEM FOR WHAT IT IS AND ENACT REAL SOLUTIONS. PLEASE VOTE NO AND GO BACK TO DOING THE REAL WORK OF BEING ATTICUS FINCH.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHANNON WHITE AND I LIVE IN TROUTDALE. I BELIEVE -- I KNOW THAT THE SECOND AMENDMENT GIVES US THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. I BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IS TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS. ALL OF US IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY WERE IMPACTED BY THE TRAGIC SHOOTINGS. AS A COUNCILOR, I WAS TAUGHT TO WARN CLIENTS FROM MAKING MAJOR DECISIONS WHILE BEING EMOTIONAL. I THINK AS A COUNTRY, WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES, ARE WE BEING SLOW TO SPEAK AND QUICK TO LISTEN. OR ARE WE BEING QUICK TO RESPOND AND SLOW TO LOOK AT THE DEEPER ISSUES AT PLAY? LOOK NO FARTHER THAN IN THE FIRST BOOK OF GENESIS, MEANING THE ORIGIN, AND WE SEE CANE KILLING HIS BROTHER, ABLE, WITHOUT A FIREARM. THE CHALLENGES WE FACE START WITH A HUMAN HEART AND MIND. BOTH LADIES WHO SPOKE WHO LOST PEOPLE, THOSE PEOPLE BEHIND THE GUNS HAD MENTAL ILLNESS. AS A MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, I DO NOT SEE MORE GUN CONTROL, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS FIXING THIS PROBLEM. I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER IF THIS NEW ORDINANCE IS REALLY GOING TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT OR COULD TIME, ENERGY, AND MONEY BE PUT TO BETTER USE ADDRESSING DEEPER ISSUES? AND WHEN WILL THE ORDINANCE STOP? WHEN RESTRICTING GUNS DOESN'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE AGAINST OTHER PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR COGEN, COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS GLEN WHITE, A TROUTDALE CITY COUNCILOR, I'M HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF. MY CONCERN IS THE LACK OF OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY THAT I LIVE IN. WE GET -- WE GET MORE RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY WHEN THEY'RE GOING TO WIDEN A ROAD THAN WE DID FOR THIS ORDINANCE. THERE WAS NO TOWN HALLS, THERE WAS NO PUBLIC INPUT. THERE WAS NO DEBATE. AND I'M ASKING YOU WHAT IS THE RUSH? COMMON SENSE WOULD DICTATE THAT WE GET ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND BOTH SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD. I FEEL THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE CHALLENGED, AND I DON'T THINK IT WILL HOLD MUSCLE IN COURT. I WOULD RATHER SEE US WORK ON REAL ISSUES -- REAL ANSWERS TO THE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CAN YOU CALL UP THE NEXT GROUP OF PEOPLE, PLEASE, LINDA.

>> RICK ASHFORD. DIANE CASTILLO, NORWOOD CHAPMAN, AND GARY BIOTSO. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>> Chair Cogen: YOU CAN START, SIR IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

>> CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

>> Chair Cogen: YEAH.

>> YEAH, I LIVE IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> RICK ASHFORD. I LIVE IN EAST MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN THE CORBETT AREA, WHICH MOST OF YOU KNOW OUR SCENIC AREA, AND VERY AGRARIAN OUT THERE, RANCHES AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF FARMING. SOME OF THESE ORDINANCES TO ME ARE RATHER UNCLEAR AND WOULD ALSO PROHIBIT A LOT OF OUR LOCAL PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY DO. IF YOU RAISE ANIMALS OUT THERE, YOU ALSO HAVE TO PROTECT THEM. YOU CAN'T ALWAYS DO IT WITH A TRAP OR A FENCE. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO SHOOT THEM. AND NOT THAT MANY OF OUR PEOPLE OUT THERE HAVE A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT. AND THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT, YOU GUYS ARE BACKLOGGED ON GETTING THOSE PERMITS, AND THAT CONCERNS ME, OKAY. THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I HAVE TODAY.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M DIANE CASTILLO WHITE AND I THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO ELABORATE A LITTLE BIT ON THE STATISTICS PRESENTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REASONS WHY THAT WE FEEL THAT WE SHOULD IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE TODAY. AND SPEAKING ABOUT OUR VIOLENCE KILLS 30,000 AMERICANS EACH YEAR. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT IN FURTHER RESEARCHING, THAT 2/3 OF THE FATALITIES WERE SELF-INFLICTED. AND IN SECTION D, WHEN IT SPEAKS ABOUT IN 2012, 891 INCIDENTS REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, FIREARMS WERE USED AND 45% OF THE HOMICIDES COMMITTED IN PORTLAND AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT TWO OF THOSE WERE OFFICER-RELATED AND THAT THE HOMICIDE NUMBER WAS 11 PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH ALL HOMICIDE, ALL TRAGEDY, IS WHAT IT IS, IT IS A TRAGEDY. AND, LET'S SEE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT IN 2010 IN THE UNITED STATES, THERE WERE 38,329 DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS THAT INCLUDED PHARMACEUTICALS. IN THE WILLAMETTE WEEK IN MARCH, 2013 ARTICLE, SPEAKING ABOUT PATTERNS IN OREGON PERTAINING TO GUN DEATHS AND THAT GUN-RELATED SUICIDES IN OREGON ACCOUNT FOR FOUR OUT OF THE FIVE FIREARM DEATHS. AND MY POINT IS THAT WHILE WE'RE DEALING WITH A BUDGET AND LIMITED CITY BUDGETS AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUDGET THAT I FEEL THAT PRIORITIES SHOULD GO TO THE LEADING CAUSES, THAT ALL LIFE IS VALUED AND THAT WE HONESTLY LOOK AT THE NUMBERS AS THEY PERTAIN LOCALLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND THE INDIVIDUAL CITIES AND REALLY ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND WHAT THE PROBLEMS ARE SO WE CAN PRIORITIZE. WITH LIMITED BUDGETS, LIMITED JAIL SPACE, THAT WE JUST BE CAREFUL THAT WE CAN ENFORCE WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT AND THAT WE HAVE GOOD DIALOGUE AND WE DO LOOK AT BOTH SIDES. AND I DON'T FEEL THAT CREATING MORE LAWS IS THE ANSWER. I DO THINK THAT A CONVERSATION IS WARRANTED PERTAINING TO GUN SAFES AND CONTINUOUS GANG ACTIVITY WITH MINORS, SO I THINK THERE IS SOME ISSUES TO ADDRESS, BUT I'M ASKING THAT WE JUST SLOW DOWN AND REALLY HAVE THOSE DISCUSSIONS AT A LOCAL LEVEL. AND ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT ARE PRIORITIZED THAT, AGAIN, LIFE IS VALUED AND I KNOW, YOU KNOW, JUST DEAL WITH THOSE ISSUES FIRST.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. CHAIR COGEN AND -- EXCUSE ME, I MISPRONOUNCED YOUR NAME. AND COMMISSIONERS, FORGIVE MY NERVOUSNESS. MY NAME IS GARY, I LIVE IN GLADSTONE OREGON, FREQUENT PASSERBY THROUGH MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND WITH BUSINESS AND FAMILY AND SO FORTH. THE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THAT WE HEARD OF BEFORE IS A STEP TOWARDS FURTHER EROSION IN OUR OPINION OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. STATE LAW PREEMPTIONS PROTECT GUN OWNERS FROM YOU. BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE PUBLIC COMMENTS AS TO HOW YOU WOULD FURTHER ERODE THOSE RIGHTS WERE IT NOT FOR THE STATE PREEMPTIONS. STATE PREEMPTIONS -- LET ME GET IT TOGETHER HERE.

LEGISLATION PASSED ON PURE EMOTION OR AGENDA IS NOT WORTHY OF LAW OR LEARNED MEN AND WOMEN NOR CAN IT BE CALLED JUSTICE. IT IS THEN SOMETHING VILE AND UNJUST. OLD AXIOM, IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS OF GETTING CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE, GONE THROUGH A VARIETY OF HOOPS AND NOW IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE ASKED TO GO THROUGH MORE. DEAL WITH THE REAL PROBLEMS. VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN SAID CONCERNING GUN CONTROL, NOTHING WE DO WILL CHANGE ANYTHING, BUT WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING. HERE IS AN ADMITTANCE AT THE TOP THAT NO LEGISLATION WILL BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST VIOLENCE. WE ABHOR VIOLENCE. I'M TOLD THE COMMON ELEMENT AMONG MASS SHOOTERS IS DRUG USE AND HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS, PERHAPS YOUR REFERENCE WOULD BE BETTER SPENT THERE. WHY WOULD -- LEGISLATION AT OTHERWISE LAW-ABIDING PEOPLE, CRIMINALS DON'T CARE ABOUT THE LAW AND THEY ONLY IGNORE IT. AND I HAVE OTHER COMMENTS BUT I WILL GO ON TO A COUPLE OF QUOTES. A FREE PEOPLE OUGHT NOT ONLY TO BE ARMED AND DISCIPLINE, BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF INDEPENDENCE OF ANY WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ABUSE THEM. WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. THAT WAS BY GEORGE WASHINGTON. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES IS A CONTRACT WITH THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENSURE OUR FREEDOMS. THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS, BILL OF RIGHTS -- CANNOT BE CHANGED OR ABRIDGED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. EFFORTS BY THESE GOVERNMENTS TO IMPEDE THESE RIGHTS, THEREFORE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. I HAVE GONE OVER TIME. LET ME FINISH BY SAYING THAT WE, TOO, ARE APPALLED BY THE SENSELESS MURDER AND GUN TRAGEDIES. WE IN THE GUN COMMUNITY RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY. I'VE ASKED WHEN I FIRST GOT MY CARRY PERMIT OF POLICE OFFICERS AND SHERIFF DEPUTIES ABOUT LAWS CONCERNING GUNS. I HAD TO DO MY OWN RESEARCH BECAUSE THEY WERE WOEFULLY UNINFORMED ABOUT THE GUN LAWS OF THIS STATE AND THE AREAS THAT THEY SERVE. I WOULD INVITE YOU TO GO THROUGH SOME OF THE POLICE TRAINING AND HANDLE GUNS IF YOU ARE NOT -- IF YOU HAVE NEVER HANDLED ONE, GET ON A RANGE, RESPONSIBILITY IS THE FIRST THING, AND I FELT THAT IT WAS A RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO TO FAMILIARIZE MYSELF WITH THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ONCE I GOT MY CARRY PERMIT AND, YES, ACCIDENTS HAPPEN, AND THEY ARE ABHORIBLE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> NONE OF US WANT TO SEE THE DEATH OR INJURY OF A CHILD OR ANOTHER PERSON, BUT WE DO WANT TO MAINTAIN THOSE RIGHTS TO PROTECT OURSELVES.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M NORWOOD CHAPMAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I ALMOST DIDN'T COME UP HERE AFTER I SIGNED UP BECAUSE WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE WAS ONE THING THAT I KEPT HEARING OVER AND OVER AND OVER AND IT WAS WHAT WE NEED ARE COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS. WHEN I CAME IN, I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO SPEAK. SINCE I'VE BEEN IN THIS ROOM, I'VE HEARD COMMON SENSE GUN LAWS REFERRED TO SEVEN TIMES NOW. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT COMES TO MY MIND IS AS WE KNOW, THERE HAVE BEEN VERY MANY SCHOOL SHOOTINGS. THE LAST ONE TOOK PLACE -- THIS WASN'T A SHOOTING, THIS WAS A STABBING, NOT TWO WEEKS AGO IN TEXAS AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHERE THERE WERE 14 VICTIMS. WE HEAR COMMON SENSE THROWN OUT ALL OF THE TIME. THIS IS COMMON SENSE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE IN THE SCHOOLS. WELL, IF SO MANY TRAGEDIES ARE HAPPENING IN SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND WE'RE DISALLOWING CITIZENS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS WHO WORK THERE TO ARM THEMSELVES, PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS, THAT JUST DOESN'T SEEM LIKE COMMON SENSE TO ME. IT SEEMS RATHER SOMETHING QUITE THE OPPOSITE OF COMMON SENSE. THE OREGON STATE CONSTITUTION, SECTION 27 READS, IN PART, THE IMPORTANT BIT HERE IS THAT PEOPLE SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS FOR THE DEFENSE OF THEMSELVES AND THE STATE. IT DOESN'T SAY UNLESS SOMEONE IN AN URBAN AREA IS UNCOMFORTABLE SEEING A FIREARM AND THEN WE WON'T LET THEM DO IT ANYMORE. THERE IS NONE OF THAT THERE. THAT ONE SEEMS VERY CLEAR TO ME. HOWEVER, AS ARISTOTLE SAID, COMMON SENSE ISN'T REALLY ALL THAT COMMON. I DIDN'T EXPECT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE TO BE HERE WHO ARE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE RESULTS OF THIS -- I'M GOING TO STOP RIGHT AFTER THIS. AND I'M SORRY, VERY SORRY THAT ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED HERE IN OUR COUNTY, BUT TO TAKE THE RIGHTS OF THE LAW-ABIDING AWAY, SOME OF THESE, OR TO ERODE THEM, THESE ARE ONLY LITTLE STEPS. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT? THAT IS WHAT I'M HERE AND CONCERNED WITH. YOU ADMITTED THIS IS A LITTLE STEP UNTIL WE CAN DO SOMETHING FURTHER. AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH. LET'S ENFORCE THE LAWS THAT ARE ON THE BOOKS AND NOT TAKE THE RIGHTS AWAY, ANYMORE RIGHTS AWAY FROM THE LAW-ABIDING WHO COULD HAVE POSSIBLY HELPED PREVENT AT LEAST SOME OF THE TRAGEDIES THAT WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> Chair Cogen: DO WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE SIGNED UP?

>> WE HAVE FIVE.

>> Chair Cogen: CALL THE NEXT FOUR.

>> JIM EMERSON, DANIEL TAYLOR, KAY WARMAN, AND KYLIE -- PLEASE COME FORWARD.

>> Chair Cogen: DID YOU SIGN UP, MA'AM? WHY DON'T WE HAVE THESE THREE TESTIFY AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME. I WANT MARINA TO GET YOUR NAME TO BE SURE THAT WE HAVE IT FOR THE RECORD. JIM, START FOR NOW BUT YOU WILL GET A CHANCE TO TESTIFY.

>> GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE WITH GUN EXPERIENCE TO TESTIFY ON THIS ORDINANCE. I GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA. I HAVE DONE MY SHARE OF HUNTING AND SHOOTING. I HAVE BEEN CALLED A GOOD MARKSMAN. WITH A GOOD HUNTING RIFLE I CAN HIT A TARGET THE SIZE OF THIS PAPER -- TO POSSESS A WEAPON OF SUCH REACHING POWER IS A SOBERING RESPONSIBILITY. ANOTHER GUN EXPERIENCE HAPPENED TO ME. I WAS PRESENT AT A RANDOM SHOOTING AT WORK. THE MAN NEXT TO ME WAS FATALY SHOT IN THE BACK. WHEN I TURNED TO LOOK FOR THE SHOOTER, I WAS STARING DOWN THE BARREL OF A RIFLE AIMED AT ME. AFTER 15 LONG SECONDS, THE SHOOTER TURNED AND SHOT AT OTHERS AND THEN SHOT HIMSELF. I'M CONVINCED THAT HAD I BEEN ARMED, I WOULD BE DEAD, BECAUSE ANY MOVEMENT OR ANY ATTEMPT TO REACH FOR A FIREARM, HE WOULD HAVE PULLED THE TRIGGER DURING THAT TIME. 43 YEARS LATER, I STILL GET THE WILLIES WHEN I RECALL IT. ANY LEGAL STEPS TO REDUCE SUCH EVENTS OF WORTHWHILE AS YOU HAVE HEARD FROM OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED SUCH EVENTS OR IN THEIR FAMILIES. SO, THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING FIREARMS SAFETY AND CRAFTING THIS PROPOSAL. WHICH I THINK HAS BEEN VERY CAREFULLY DONE. OF COURSE IT IS CONSTRAINED BY FEDERAL AND OREGON LAWS, YET IT TAKES HELPFUL STEPS IN NO WAY DOES IT HARM LEGITIMATE GUN OWNERSHIP AND USES. I SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M KAY WARMAN. I READ THE ORDINANCE, AND I DON'T THINK IT WILL CHANGE ANYTHING AND GIVEN THAT WE HAD ONE DAY'S NOTICE TO DEAL WITH THIS, AND I'M HANDWRITING MY NOTES WHILE WAITING TO SPEAK, IS NOT ADEQUATE NOTICE. AND IT WILL NOT CHANGE ANYTHING. AND I MADE SOME NOTES HERE. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY STATED THE REASON FOR THIS ORDINANCE IS CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER SHOOTING. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD HAVE NO AFFECT ON THE CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER SHOOTING. THE CLACKAMAS COUNSEL CENTER SHOOTER WAS TOPPED BY NICK -- NOT BECAUSE HIS GUN DIDN'T WORK AND HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT. NICK SPOTTED THE SHOOTER AND TOOK OUT HIS PISTOL AND AIMED AT THE GUY WHO WAS SHOOTING EVERYONE, THE GUY SAW HIM AIMING AT HIM, HE STOPPED AND SHOT HIMSELF. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED. SO, HE COMMITTED SUICIDE. ALSO THE FBI REPORTED VIOLENT CRIMES HAVE GONE DOWN IN OREGON'S MAJOR CITIES. OPB'S THINK ALOUD PROGRAM ATTRIBUTED THE LOWER VIOLENT CRIME RATES TO MEASURE 11'S MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES, BECAUSE MOST VIOLENT CRIMES ARE

COMMITTED BY REPEAT OFFENDERS. SAFETY LAWS NEED TO INCLUDE INSTITUTIONALIZING DANGEROUS CRAZY PEOPLE, NOT JUST BIKE HELMETS FOR KIDS. I TOOK A LOOK AT ALL THREE OF THESE RECENT SHOOTERS, THE ADAM LANZA FROM NEWTOWN, I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL OF THEIR NAMES -- BUT IN EACH OF THEM AND THEIR COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPH, THEY LOOK NUTS. THESE GUYS ARE OFF THE CHARTS CRAZY. NO ONE NOTICED? AND ADAM LANZA KILLED HIS MOTHER BEFORE HE GOT AHOLD OF HER GUNS AND DID THAT SHOOTING. SO, YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO HOW IT WORKS. ONE THING THAT I THINK IS WORTH NOTING, WHEN THE LEGISLATOR HEARD A BILL WHERE CHAIR PERZANSKI --

Chair Cogen: IF YOU COULD WRAP UP.

>> MANNY RODRIGUEZ, A CUBAN REFUGEE SPOKE, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT FREEDOM IS BECAUSE YOU NEVER LOST IT. I THOUGHT THAT WAS WORTHWHILE.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CHAIR COGEN AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS KILEY AND I LIVE IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND, MOTHER AND STEPMOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN TWO TO 13 AND REPRESENTING THE OREGON ALLIANCE TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, WHICH IS A COALITION OF CEASE-FIRE OREGON, BRADY CAMPAIGN, AND MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA. AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN A MILITARY FAMILY, I KNOW WHAT GUNS CAN DO. MY FATHER SERVED TWO TOURS OF DUTY IN VIETNAM, CAME HOME WITH A PURPLE HEART, ONLY TO JOIN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND BE ACCIDENTALLY SHOT THE DAY WE WERE SHOPPING FOR FATHER'S DAY. I WAS 10. MY MOTHER WAS EIGHT MONTHS PREGNANT. WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL, A FRIEND OF MINE SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD AND KILLED HIMSELF WITH HIS PARENTS' GUN THAT HE HAD EASY ACCESS TO. THESE THINGS HAPPEN EVERY DAY IN OREGON. THERE IS A SHOOTING. AT LEAST ONE PERSON DIES EVERY DAY IN OREGON FOR 100 DEATHS A YEAR. WE MUST ACT AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP GOING FORWARD, SIGNALING TO THE REST OF THE STATE AND COUNTRY THAT WE ARE GOING FORWARD. MY HUSBAND, WHEN HE WAS A CHILD, WAS ALMOST SHOT BY HIS BROTHER. WHEN HIS BROTHER GOT THEIR FATHER'S RIFLE AND AIMED IT AT HIM AND HIS FRIEND BECAUSE HE WANTED THEM TO BE QUIET. LUCKILY HE JUST AIMED THE GUN DOWN AT THE FLOOR WHEN IT WENT OFF AND SHOT A HOLE THIS BIG INTO THE FLOOR WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN MY HUSBAND AND MY LIFE. WE MUST DO COMMON SENSE REGULATIONS. THERE IS NUMBER EIGHT FOR YOU, TO REDUCE ACCESS FOR CHILDREN AND TO KEEP THOSE GUNS UNLOADED. IF GUNS ARE LOCKED UP AND CHILDREN DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THEM, WE CAN MAKE A DENT IN THOSE UNINTENTIONAL DEATHS WHERE CHILDREN GET ACCESS TO THEIR PARENT OR FAMILY MEMBER'S GUN. WE KNOW, THE DATA TELLS US, I'M A PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATE, AND THIS IS A --

WE KNOW WHEN THERE IS ACCESS TO A GUN IN THE HOME, IT IS FAR MORE LIKELY TO BE USED IN AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION THAN IT EVER IS GOING TO BE USED IN SELF-DEFENSE. WE KNOW THAT IN MASS SHOOTING SITUATIONS, IT IS VERY OFTEN THAT THERE IS A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE HOLDER THERE AND HE DOES NOT STOP SHOOTINGS. WE MUST STOP THE FLOW OF ILLEGALLY OBTAINING -- THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE, IT AFFECTS OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND AS THE HEALTH BOARD, I URGE YOU TO TAKE ACTION AND ALL OF YOU TO VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CALL UP THE REMAINING NAMES, AT LEAST ONE WOMAN WHO DEFINITELY WANTS TO TESTIFY WHO MAY NOT BE ON THE LIST.

>> JIM EMERSON, DANIEL TAYLOR, ROBERT, AND KATE BRIDGES.

Chair Cogen: IF YOU COULD COME DOWN. IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY AND IS NOT ON THE LIST, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT. JUST GIVE US YOUR NAME FIRST. YOU CAN GO, MA'AM.

>> I AM KATE BRIDGES, 76 YEARS OLD, AND I LOOK BACK ON A LOT OF HISTORY HERE. I'M A WELLNESS CONSULTANT NOW, AND I REALLY HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES WITH PRESCRIPTIONS KILLING MORE PEOPLE THAN GUNS DO. I'M FROM MARYLAND ORIGINALLY, WHERE ALL OF THE HISTORY WAS. MY HUSBAND WAS A SPECIALIST IN THE AIR FORCE. ON APRIL 8th, I ATTENDED THE POW REMEMBRANCE. TRY TO TELL THOSE PEOPLE THAT THEY'RE A SMALL MINORITY OF GUN OWNERS. I THINK WE FORGET WE HAVEN'T BEEN TEACHING OUR PEOPLE OUR HISTORY. HISTORY IS NOT AS VALUED A SUBJECT AS IT USED TO BE IN OUR SCHOOLS. I'M WORKING WITH SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES BECAUSE OF THAT CONVICTION. SOME OF THOSE POWs GAVE EVERYTHING. AND SOME OF THE STORIES YOU HEARD THAT DAY WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST AS HEART WRENCHING AS WHAT YOU HEARD HERE TODAY. I'M LOOKING FOR SOME PRIDE AND LEADERSHIP. I'M LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL TAKE THE HARD ISSUES AND REALLY BE PROACTIVE IN TEACHING GUN SAFETY. THERE ISN'T A SINGLE ONE OF THESE PARENTS THAT THEY'VE TALKED ABOUT WHO WOULD EVER HAVE WANTED THEIR CHILD TO BE KILLED BY A GUN. WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL, IT WAS KIND OF AN HONOR IF SOMEONE COULD AFFORD TO BRING A GUN TO SCHOOL AS THEY ATTENDED THEIR GUN SAFETY CLASSES. WE HAVE GONE SO FAR AWAY FROM THAT. WE HAVE FORGOTTEN HOW WE NEED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF A WEAPON. A CAR CAN KILL IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO DRIVE IT, AND A GUN CAN KILL IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RESPECT FOR THE TOOL THAT IT IS. WE NEED LEADERSHIP. PEOPLE WITH COURAGE. WE HAVE GOT TO QUIT ACTING AND REACTING WITH FEAR. FEAR HAS OVERCOME US IN THIS NATION. AND WE NEED COURAGE. WE NEED TO BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHERS INSTEAD OF

SUSPECT OF OTHERS. YOU SUSPECT THAT SOMEBODY THAT HAS A GUN IS GOING TO DO A BAD THING. AND THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE. WE HAVE A GROWING POPULATION AND WE HAVE A POPULATION THAT HAS SUDDENLY BECOME FEARFUL OF OTHER PEOPLE, AND IF YOU SEE A GUN, YOU BECOME FEARFUL BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT PERSON IS GOING TO DO. WHERE IN THE WORLD DID WE GO WRONG? YOU HAVE TO HAVE VALUE. THE CRIMINALS AND THE PEOPLE INTENT ON USING A GUN ARE NOT GOING TO READ YOUR ORDINANCE. WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE WITH A GUN, YOU'RE GOING TO BE AFRAID, I HOPE NOT. I HOPE THAT YOU REALIZE THAT PERSON WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO ATTACK YOU. THAT'S WHAT OUR PEOPLE WITH GUNS DO. LISTEN TO THOSE POWs AND THE -- WHAT THEY GAVE FOR THIS COUNTRY AND THINK AGAIN ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE PUTTING IN THIS ORDINANCE.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERT GORDON. I'M HERE TO OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. ONE OF THE THINGS JUST READING THROUGH IT SAYS IN -- ON PAGE 3 THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON IN A PUBLIC PLACE TO CARRY A FIREARM UPON A PERSON OR WHILE IN A VEHICLE IN A PUBLIC PLACE UNLESS ALL AMMUNITION HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE CHAMBER AND FROM THE CYLINDER CLIP OR MAGAZINE. WHICH I'M KIND OF CURIOUS, IS THE CLIP OR MAGAZINE, IF YOU ARE TAKING A FIREARM TO A RANGE TO DO SOME SHOOTING, USUALLY YOU'VE GOT YOUR CLIPS AND MAGAZINES ALL LOADED SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT WHILE YOU'RE THERE. DOES THAT MEAN YOU HAVE TO HAVE EVERYTHING UNLOADED? ALL OF THE AMMUNITION OUT OF YOUR CLIP, OUT OF YOUR MAGAZINES? IT'S A TECHNICAL TWIST THAT I DON'T THINK IS QUITE CLEAR. RIGHT BELOW THAT IN SECTION C, FIREARM WOULD BE ABLE TO BE INSPECTED BY A PEACE OFFICER UNLESS YOU'RE ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS SUB-GROUP ABOVE THAT WAS -- THAT'S EXEMPT. SO, IF A PEACE OFFICER WANTS TO INSPECT YOUR WEAPON AND YOU'RE THIS GROUP, YOU CAN JUST TELL THEM TO BUZZ OFF, PRETTY MUCH. BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT IF -- WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO INSPECT IT, BECAUSE I ALWAYS ASSUME THAT IT IS LOADED. AND IT IS JUST -- YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T SAY THAT YOU'RE DOING THIS, YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BECAUSE YOU AREN'T. BECAUSE IF YOU ARE ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY, THAT MEANS YOU'RE ACCEPTING LIABILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY. I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SEE YOU IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME -- SUE YOU IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T ACCEPTED LIABILITY FOR MY SAFETY. AND IT'S NOT --

Chair Cogen: WRAP UP, PLEASE.

>> OKAY. AND IT'S NOT FOR PROTECTION. THIS IS FOR PROSECUTION. WHAT IT DOES IS IT SETS UP A PRECEDENT FOR PATCHWORK REGULATIONS THAT SOMEONE FROM BAKER COUNTY MAY COME THROUGH HERE AND BE IN VIOLATION OF, WITHOUT, YOU KNOW, THIS IS OREGON. LET'S KEEP EVERYTHING THE SAME FROM COUNTY TO COUNTY TO COUNTY.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE SIGNED UP TO TESTIFY? ANYONE WHO HASN'T SIGNED UP AND WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY? YOU CAN COME DOWN AND DO THAT AT THIS POINT. AFTER YOU DO, IF YOU COULD FILL OUT A FORM SO THAT WE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION. BUT COME ON DOWN. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

>> JAN WESTON. I LIVE IN COMMISSIONER KAFOURY'S DISTRICT. FIRST TIME THAT I'VE BEEN TO SEE YOU FOLKS IN ACTION. I'M VERY PLEASED.

Chair Cogen: WELCOME.

>> AND I THINK YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK ON TRYING TO DO SOMETHING. AND I HOPE YOU WON'T DEPEND ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DO MORE. I HOPE YOU WILL DO MORE. WHAT I DO WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE AMMUNITION. WHEN I WAS A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD, I GOT UP ON TOP OF THE KITCHEN CABINET AND GOT MY DAD'S 30 OT SIX HUNTING RIFLE AND I KNEW I WASN'T SUPPOSED MESS WITH THAT. THE AMMUNITION WAS THERE. I TOOK IT TO THE WOOD SHED AND USED A HATCHET TO POUND THE SHELLS INTO THE CHOPPING BLOCK. I WAS CURIOUS HOW FAR I COULD PUT THEM IN THERE. ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS DISCOVERED ME. YEAH, PRETTY STUPID, BUT THAT'S WHAT KIDS DO, YEAH. AND I -- AND MY BROTHER WAS RIGHT THERE, WE BOTH -- WE BOTH COULD HAVE BEEN BADLY INJURED. SO, WE WERE JUST LUCKY. OH, MAYBE YOU CAN INCLUDE AMMUNITION. BECAUSE I'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE TAKING THE SHELLS APART AND USING THE MATERIAL INSIDE TO BUILD OTHER THINGS THAT ARE EQUALLY AS OBNOXIOUS. SO, THAT'S MY ONLY CAUTION IS INCLUDE THE AMMUNITION.

>> Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, SIR. GOOD MORNING.

>> HI, MY NAME IS CHRIS COCHRAN. I'M GOING TO SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY. I HAVE A 11 MONTH OLD SON. HIS NAME IS CONNOR. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT HAS DRIVEN ME TO BE SO PROACTIVE IN OPPOSING ALL OF THESE NEW GUN LAWS BECAUSE LIKE KAY MENTIONED BEFORE ME, CRIMINALS AND PEOPLE THAT WANT TO DO HARM ARE NOT GOING TO LOOK AT YOUR CITY ORDINANCES. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO OBEY THE STATE LAWS. THEY'RE GOING TO GO RIP AND THEY'RE GOING TO DO THEIR CRIME ANYWAY. THEY'RE GOING TO FIND THEIR WAY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON GUNS. I'M OPPOSING ALL OF THESE BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO DO

ANYTHING TO PREVENT ANY CRIME. ALL THEY'RE DOING IS JUST VIOLATING RIGHTS.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

>> MY NAME IS ROSEMARY. I JUST HAVE ONE OF TWO QUICK POINTS. I AM THE MOTHER OF TWO ALMOST 13-YEAR-OLD GIRLS. AFTER THE SAD INCIDENT THE OTHER DAY WITH THE CHILD WHO GOT SHOT IN THE BACK YARD BY HER MOTHER'S BOYFRIEND, I'M THINKING THEY'RE AT THE AGE WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO LOTS OF SLEEPOVERS, AM I SUPPOSED TO BE ASKING PEOPLE WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT GUNS? HOW SAFE IS MY CHILD IN YOUR HOUSE? OR WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOR'S? I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR TRYING TO DO SOMETHING, TRYING TO KEEP MY KIDS SAFE. AND FOR MANY YEARS, I WAS A CLARK COUNTY LAW LIBRARIAN OVER IN VANCOUVER, AND I HAD SO MANY TIMES TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE WHO EITHER WITH THE SURVIVORS OF A VICTIM OR THEY WERE THE PARENTS OF SOMEONE WHO HAD DONE SOMETHING THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE, AND I JUST SAW HOW MUCH MISERY HAPPENED IN CLARK COUNTY BECAUSE OF UNWISE USE OF A GUN. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MA'AM.

>> MY NAME IS GRACE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THESE ORDINANCES. I AM THE MOTHER OF A THREE AND SEVEN-YEAR-OLD AND A FIRST GRADER, WHOSE CLASSROOM IS THE FIRST ONE IN THE SCHOOL, AND I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT NOT RESPONDING EMOTIONALLY AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY I THANK YOU FOR BEING THOUGHTFUL AND FOR TAKING THE STANDS THAT YOU'RE TAKING ON THIS. I DO ASK FAMILIES WHEN MY SON GOES TO THEIR HOMES OR MY DAUGHTER, YOU KNOW HOW ARE YOUR GUNS, IF YOU HAVE GUNS, HOW ARE THEY PROTECTED AND KEPT AWAY FROM THE CHILDREN. AND I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL DO THAT, BUT AS THE LAWS ARE RIGHT NOW, ANYONE CAN GO INTO MY SON'S SCHOOL WITH THEIR -- LEGALLY WITH THEIR GUNS, AND I'M TRAINED AS A TEACHER, 28, 32 KIDS IN THE CLASSROOM, IT IS ENOUGH JUST TO KEEP TRACK OF THE ADULT SCISSORS, YOU KNOW. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THINGS ARE, YOU NEED TO REALLY JUST NOT HAVE THEM AVAILABLE AT ALL. SO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT AND THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THIS -- MAKING THE COUNTY SAFER. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SO, I JUST WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO CAME THIS MORNING TO TESTIFY AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR KEEPING THE CONVERSATION CIVIL. THIS IS A VERY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE IN OUR COUNTRY AND OFTENTIMES IT TURNS INTO A HEATED FIGHT WHERE PEOPLE ARE SCREAMING AT EACH OTHER AND REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME, I THINK IT WAS A VICTORY FOR ALL OF US THAT WE ENGAGED IN

THE CONVERSATION, THAT WE LISTENED TO EACH OTHER AND WE WERE RESPECTFUL TO EACH OTHER. COMMENTS. COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Smith: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER KAFOURY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE IN BRINGING THIS ORDINANCE FORWARD TODAY. IT'S REALLY HARD AS A MOM AND AS A MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY TO HEAR ALL OF THE STATISTICS OF GUN VIOLENCE AND THE PAINFUL INDIVIDUAL STORIES BEHIND THOSE STATISTICS. I JUST WANT TO SAY TO THE FAMILIES HERE TODAY THAT I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I, TOO, HAVE HAD FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED FROM GUN VIOLENCE. WHILE I KNOW THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL NOT BRING OUR FAMILY MEMBERS BACK, BUT TODAY'S VOTE, AS COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SAID, IT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING THAT MAY PREVENT ONE MORE SENSELESS KILLING. IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ARREST PEOPLE BASED ON HOW THEY LOOK. IN SOME COMMUNITIES, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THAT IS CONSIDERED RACIAL PROFILING. TODAY WE'RE SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT GUN VIOLENCE, IT IS NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THANKS TO COMMISSIONER KAFOURY AND CHAIR COGEN, BRINGING THIS FORWARD, THIS IS A COMMON SENSE ORDINANCE. WE CAN ACT ON TODAY TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

Commissioner Shiprack: I WANTED TO THANK ALL OF YOU AS WELL. I'M REALLY IMPRESSED THAT THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN GOING FORWARD. MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS NOT ONLY ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF GUN SAFETY, BUT WE ALSO ADDRESS ALCOHOL AND DRUGS AND MENTAL HEALTH, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT THERE ARE ONLY A FEW CASES WHERE GUNS MAKE ME FEARFUL, FEARFUL PEOPLE WITH GUNS MAKE ME FEARFUL. ALCOHOL AND GUNS, DRUGS AND GUNS. ANGER AND GUNS. MENTAL ILLNESS AND GUNS. DEPRESSION AND GUNS. STUPIDITY AND GUNS, AND CHILDREN AND GUNS. THAT'S ALL. I PLAN ON SUPPORTING THIS ORDINANCE.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER McKEEL.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU, CHAIR COGEN. I ALSO WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING TODAY. I THINK IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL SIDES ARE HEARD ON THIS ISSUE AND SO APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU STEPPING FORWARD. I WANT TO SAY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SHERIFF AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. I WANT TO REALLY THANK THE SHERIFF FOR CLEARLY ARTICULATING WHAT THIS ORDINANCE IS AND WHAT THIS ORDINANCE ISN'T. AND TO SAY THAT I DO SUPPORT OUR SHERIFF COMPLETELY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH FIREARMS IS

CENTURIES OLD. WE HAVE SEEN IT EVOLVE FROM THE EARLY NEEDS OF A MILITIA FIGHTING FOR AN UPSTART NATION TO A MODERN-DAY SOCIETY GRAPPLING WITH GANG VIOLENCE, MASS SHOOTINGS, AND ACCIDENTS AMONG CHILDREN THAT ROB OUR FAMILIES OF THEIR LITTLE ONES. THE DA SHARED HIS HISTORY WITH YOU AND I WANT TO SHARE MINE. I GREW UP IN A SMALL RURAL COMMUNITY DURING A TIME WHEN THE MASS VIOLENCE OF TODAY WAS UNHEARD OF. IF YOU DID SOMETHING WRONG, BELIEVE ME, YOUR PARENTS KNEW IT BEFORE YOU GOT HOME. BECAUSE OUR COMMUNITY BOUND TOGETHER TO LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER. MY FAMILY MEMBERS WERE HUNTERS, AND THERE WERE GUNS IN OUR HOME. THE GUNS WERE LOCKED AWAY AND WE WERE TAUGHT FROM A VERY EARLY AGE HOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE WITH FIREARMS. THE REALITY IN TODAY'S WORLD IS THAT PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO WEAPONS THAT ARE MUCH MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED, AND OUR COMMUNITIES ARE WROUGHT WITH MORE COMPLEXITIES, MORE DEMANDS, AND LESS RESOURCES. WHEN COMMISSIONER KAFOURY STARTED LOOKING AT WHAT POLICY THE COUNTY IMPLEMENTED, IT WAS CRUCIAL FOR ME THAT THE EAST COUNTY CITIES BE CONSULTED, THAT THE ORDINANCE NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THAT NOTHING ADVERSELY IMPACTED THE RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER FOR THEIR RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. I BELIEVE SHE DID ALL OF THESE THINGS. AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT SHE HAS PUT FORWARD TO MAKE THIS PROCESS AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE. I WILL BE SUPPORTING THIS ORDINANCE TODAY, BUT OUR WORK DOES NOT END HERE. THERE IS STILL MUCH THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR CHILDREN SAFE. I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN PREVENTION AND INVESTING IN OUR EARLY LEARNING CONTINUUM. CHILDREN NEED TO BE ENGAGED IN POSITIVE WAYS THAT ENCOURAGE THEIR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT. A ROBUST EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND ALLOWS THEM TO ENVISION AND GRASP A BRIGHTER FUTURE IS A NECESSITY IF WE HOPE TO REDUCE VIOLENCE. WE ARE WORKING ON MULTIPLE DIFFERENT TRACKS TO ENSURE THAT KIDS ARE SAFE IN SCHOOLS AND CAN FOCUS ON LEARNING. OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF AND HIS STAFF HAVE DEVELOPED AND ARE IMPLEMENTING ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAININGS FOR THE STAFF IN THE CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT. THESE HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL TRAININGS, AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THEY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT TAKE PART IN THEM. WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS ON A PROGRAM CALLED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE. WE ARE RETHINKING HOW WE APPLY DISCIPLINE, BEING MINDFUL THAT IT IS EQUITABLE, DOESN'T LEAD TO INCREASINGLY NEGATIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE STUDENTS AND REDUCES THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN OUR SCHOOL. GOING FORWARD, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON INCREASING INVESTMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND MORE ACCESSIBLE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUN OWNERS. THE ORDINANCE WE'RE VOTING ON TODAY DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH A RESPONSIBLE GUN OWNER'S RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. AND I BELIEVE THERE IS DEFINITELY A WAY

FORWARD THAT DOES NOT DIMINISH THE SECOND AMENDMENT BUT DOES INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU ON THAT PATH FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER KAFOURY.

Commissioner Kafoury: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME FORWARD TODAY TO TESTIFY AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE VERY THOUGHTFUL AND -- CONVERSATION THAT WE HAVE HAD. I DO BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN AS MUCH ON AS WE CAN GIVEN THE PREEMPTIONS PLACED UPON US BY THE STATE AND LEGISLATURE. AND I THINK, UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T DO MORE. I DO WISH THAT WE COULD DO MORE. I KNOW THAT WE WILL SEE NEXT MONTH WHEN THE BUDGET COMES OUT THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING SOME OF THE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN TALKED ABOUT TODAY. MENTAL HEALTH, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS AND THIS ORDINANCE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP THOSE EFFORTS AS THEY MOVE FORWARD. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK BECKY LEE FROM MY STAFF. SHE IS A ROCK STAR, AND HAS REALLY DONE A LOT TO PUSH THIS FORWARD. AND I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR MY EMOTIONS ON THIS ISSUE. I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO AND I'M NOT GOING TO. I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. I THINK IT IS SMALL AND INCREMENTAL STEPS THAT ARE GOING TO SAVE PEOPLE'S LIVES. THANK YOU.

Chair Cogen: THANK YOU. I WAS VERY HAPPY AND PROUD TO BE COSPONSORING THIS WITH COMMISSIONER KAFOURY. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER AND MAKING SURE THAT IT WAS DONE IN A THOUGHTFUL AND FAIRWAY, INCLUSIVELY AND REASONABLY AND I THINK WE'RE ALL BENEFITING FROM THAT. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS THIS MORNING SAID IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT. AND I THINK THAT'S RIGHT. BUT WHAT IS CLEARLY THE CASE WITH ANY OBJECTIVE LOOK AT GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COUNTRY AND IN OUR COMMUNITY, IS IT'S BROKE. OUR COMMUNITY IS BROKE. WE ARE SUFFERING FROM AN EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE, SENSELESSLY LOSING THOUSANDS OF OUR RESIDENTS, AND AS ELECTED LEADERS IT IS INCUMBENT UPON US TO TRY TO FIX IT. I WOULDN'T SUGGEST THAT THIS WILL FIX IT. THIS IS A POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT IT'S BY NO MEANS ADEQUATE TO SUFFICIENTLY FIX ALL OF THE PROBLEMS THAT FACE OUR COMMUNITY. BUT WE CAN'T LET THE PERFECT GET IN THE WAY OF THE GOOD OR THE IDEAL GET IN THE WAY OF THE ACHIEVABLE. AND WHAT THIS IS IS WHAT IS ACHIEVABLE, AND I THINK IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT. THE GUN ISSUES OBVIOUSLY ARE EXTRAORDINARY CONTROVERSIAL IN OUR STATE AND OUR COUNTRY. JUST YESTERDAY, THE SENATE WAS UNABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AN EXTRAORDINARILY COMMON SENSE BILL TO JUST DO BACKGROUND CHECKS ON PEOPLE WHO BUY GUNS. SOMETHING SUPPORTED BY 90% OF THE POPULATION IN THIS COUNTRY, AND STILL IT FAILED. AND WHAT THAT SHOWS YOU IS THIS IS A REALLY HARD ISSUE AND

GIVEN HOW HARD THAT ISSUE IS, I'M PROUD OF OUR BOARD FOR ADDRESSING IT IN SUCH A SENSIBLE WAY AND FOR MOVING FORWARD ON THIS AND I THINK THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. NOW, I'M A BIG SUPPORTER, AND A LONG-TIME SUPPORTER OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS. AS AN ATTORNEY, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFEGUARDING INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND HOW THAT IS AT THE VERY CRUX OF WHAT IT IS TO BE AN AMERICAN AND WHAT HAS DEFINED THIS COUNTRY. THE BILL OF RIGHTS, INDIVIDUALS AMENDMENTS CONTAINED IN THE FIRST 10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION ARE NOT ABSOLUTE. JUST LIKE THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH GUARANTEES OUR FREEDOM OF SPEECH DOES NOT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO GO INTO A CROWDED THEATER AND SCREAM FIRE BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS BALANCED WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY TO BE SAFE, AND TO BE NOT THREATENED BY PEOPLE'S ABUSE OF THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. SIMILARLY, THE SECOND AMENDMENT, WHICH IS IMPORTANT AND WHICH DOES GUARANTEE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS IS NOT ABSOLUTE AND SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO REASONABLE REGULATIONS THAT PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM THE GUNS. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE'RE TAKING THIS ACTION TODAY. I THINK IT IS A REASONABLE, POSITIVE ACTION, I THINK PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN BE PROUD OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE DONE THIS IN A THOUGHTFUL, CIVIL, AND ENGAGED WAY. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE FIRST READING IS APPROVED. SECOND READING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25th. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] WE WILL NOW RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUT CONVENE AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR THE DUNTHORPE-RIVERDALE -- SANITARY SERVICE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

Chair Cogen: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Kafoury: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER KAFOURY MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R-2. GO AHEAD. OUR TIME IS SHORT. LET'S JUST TALK.

Mr. Hansell: GOOD MORNING. TOM HANSELL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. TODAY SERVING AS THE BUDGET MANAGER OF THE DUNTHORPE-RIVERDALE SANITARY SERVICE DISTRICT. YOUR ACTIONS FULFILL THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS -- WHICH PROVIDES SPECIFIC METHODS FOR OBTAINING PUBLIC REVIEW, COMMENT ON THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE DISTRICT. ONE OF THE FIRST ACTIONS I NEED TO ASK YOU TO DO IS TO ELECT A PRESIDING OFFICER AMONG THE BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I WOULD MAKE A SUGGESTION THAT COMMISSIONER KAFOURY

CONSIDER THAT ELECTION, GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT RESIDES ENTIRELY IN HER DISTRICT.

Commissioner Shiprack: IT IS SO MOVED.

Chair Cogen: ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? MOTION CARRIES. CONGRATULATIONS.

Commissioner Kafoury: DO I GIVE MY ACCEPTANCE SPEECH NOW?

Chair Cogen: YES. READY TO MOVE ON?

>> YES.

>> THE PROPOSED BUDGET BEFORE YOU TODAY KEEPS THE DISTRICT ON TRACK TO FULFILL THE LONG TERMS, CURRENT OBLIGATIONS OF MAINTENANCE AND OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO FULFILL OUR TREATMENT OBLIGATIONS. WE ARE PLANNING TO CONTINUE WITH OUR STRATEGIC PLAN, CAPITAL STRATEGIC PLAN WHICH WILL PERFORM A PIPE REHABILITATION ON RIVERVIEW DRIVE AND THIS WILL TAKE US OFF INTO FISCAL YEAR '15. TO ACHIEVE THIS AND A LONGER TERM STRATEGY OF A CAPITAL NEED, WE ARE CONTINUING TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL OR THE MONTHLY OR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF \$5 THIS COMING HERE. THIS INCREASE IS NECESSARY TO FILL THOSE OBLIGATIONS I MENTIONED. AND IT'S IN LINE WITH OUR LONG-TERM STRATEGY. YOUR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND CHANGE ASSESSMENTS AS CITED IN THE STATUTE WHICH PROVIDES YOU THE ABILITY TO SET EQUITABLE AND JUST RATES TO MEET THE DEMAND OF THE DISTRICT. DISTRICT OPERATES AS AN ENTERPRISE FUND WHEREBY IT MUST GENERATE REVENUES AND OPERATIONS BY CHARGING THESE RATES NECESSARY TO RECOVER THOSE COST OF SERVICES. AS A REMINDER, THE BUDGET IS APPROVED ONLY ONCE. AS A BUDGET COMMITTEE, YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE BUDGET PRIOR TO APPROVAL. IF ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AFTER THE BUDGET IS APPROVED, GOVERNING BODY MUST MAKE REVISIONS WHEN ADOPTING THE BUDGET SCHEDULED FROM MAY 30th. YOUR APPROVAL TODAY WILL ALLOW THE BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO TAX SUPERVISING CONSERVATION FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND I WILL RETURN FOR AN ADOPTED BUDGET PROPOSAL ON MAY 30th. I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

>> QUESTIONS?

>> I HAVE A QUESTION. HAVE YOU HEARD ANY CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS FROM THE -- OR SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ON THE PROPOSED INCREASE?

>> THE INCREASES ARE DERIVED PRINCIPALLY FROM THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S RATE INCREASES. SO WE ARE A WHOLESALE CUSTOMER OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND. PORTLAND HAS INDICATED AN 8 TO 8.5% RATE INCREASE THIS NEXT YEAR. WE ARE ANTICIPATING THAT. IN ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT. SO OUR OVERALL RATE INCREASE IS 4%. AND WE'RE JUST TYING THAT IN WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL NEEDS. SO, I HAVEN'T RECEIVED -- I HAVE RECEIVED NO COMMENT OR -- FROM THE PUBLIC OR ANY OTHER MEANS.

Commissioner Kafoury: THANK YOU, AND NEITHER HAVE I. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SO WE CAN VOTE. EXCELLENT. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

Commissioner Kafoury: OPPOSED? THANK YOU.

>> SO, THE BUDGET IS APPROVED. THANK YOU. WE HAVE ONE MORE.

>> ONE MORE.

>> ADJOURN AND RECONVENE.

Chair Cogen: WE'LL ADJOURN AND CONVENE AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MID-COUNTY STREET LIGHTING SERVICE DISTRICT --

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Mr. Hansell: GOOD MORNING, TOM HANSELL. LAND USE TRANSPORTATION. TODAY SERVING AS THE BUDGET MANAGER OF THE MID-COUNTY STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ALONG WITH ERIK MUELLER JOINING US TODAY SERVES -- JOINS THE BOARD AS A DISTRICT RESIDENT LIVING IN FAIRVIEW AND ACTING IN THE ROLE OF FINANCE MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF TROUTDALE. BOTH JURISDICTIONS RECEIVE THE SERVICES OF THIS DISTRICT. THE -- WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD TODAY, BUDGET COMMITTEE PROCESSED TO ASK QUESTIONS, COMMENT AND VOTE ON THE BUDGET. YOUR ACTIONS TODAY WHICH PROVIDES THE SPECIFIC METHODS FOR OBTAINING PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES OF THE DISTRICT. SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS DISTRICT, AT THIS TIME I WOULD ASK YOU TO ELECT A PRESIDING OFFICER FOR THIS BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING.

Chair Cogen: RECOMMENDATION THIS TIME.

>> MAY YOU CONSIDER COMMISSIONER McKEEL FOR THIS HONOR --

Chair Cogen: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

Commissioner Kafoury: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSIONER KAFOURY MOVES, SHIPRACK SECONDS. APPOINTMENT -- ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? CONGRATULATIONS.

>> THANKS. OKAY. SO, NOW WE'RE HEARING -- TOM, WE'RE HEARING FROM YOU AGAIN, RIGHT?

>> YEAH, SHORT BUDGET MESSAGE. SO TODAY JUST A REMINDER THAT THE DISTRICT PROVIDES LIGHTING AND ILLUMINATION ENGINEERING SERVICES, TROUTDALE, FAIRVIEW AND POCKETS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY -- THE DISTRICT IS EXCITED THAT OVER THE PAST YEAR WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE PGE'S RATE FILING WITH THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION. THIS WAS A MILESTONE WHICH WILL ENABLE US TO PURSUE LED TECHNOLOGY WITH OUR STREET LIGHTS. NOVEMBER, 2012, WE WERE STUCK IN A HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM ENVIRONMENT. ADVENT OF LEDs, TECHNOLOGY SEEING A 15% ENERGY SAVINGS, AND WITH THAT THE CORRESPONDING CARBON FOOTPRINT REDUCTIONS THAT WE WILL SEE. IN TWO YEARS' TIME THEY ARE EXPECTING THAT EFFICIENCY TO DOUBLE. SO, IT IS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE FOR US. SO, WITH THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET, WE ARE PROPOSING TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS ASSET IN THE CURRENT BUDGET LEVEL. WE ARE CONTINUING WITH A DESIGN MODE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE'RE GOING TO BE COORDINATING WITH THE CITY OF GRESHAM TO COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO DO A LED CONVERSION. IN FY '15, WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A CONVERSION WHICH WOULD PROBABLY LAST TWO YEARS. IN THIS BUDGET, I HAVE PROPOSED AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT INCREASE FROM \$50 TO \$60. THIS INCREASE IS IN ALIGNMENT TO SUPPORT THIS CAPITAL PLAN AND THIS LED STRATEGY HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THIS BOARD OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF BUDGET SEASONS. SO, THE TIMING IS NOW. IT'S ALSO A TIMING THAT WE WEREN'T AT THE CUTTING EDGE OR THE BLEEDING EDGE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY. THE TECHNOLOGY HAS MATURED AND THE TIMING IS RIGHT FOR US TO JUMP INTO THIS MARKET AND BENEFIT FROM THOSE SAVINGS. SO, THE BUDGET AT \$747,500 PROVIDES THE DISTRICT WITH THE SUFFICIENT FUND TO MAINTAIN CURRENT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE AND ALLOWS US TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LED STRATEGY. AND, LET'S SEE. SO, JUST FOR THE PROCEDURAL ELEMENTS, AS A REMINDER, BUDGET IS APPROVED ONLY ONCE. AS THE BUDGET COMMITTEE YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REVISE THE BUDGET PRIOR TO APPROVAL. IF ANY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY AFTER THE BUDGET IS APPROVED, GOVERNING BODY MUST MAKE REVISIONS WHEN ADOPTING THE BUDGET MAY 30th. YOUR APPROVAL

WILL ALLOW THE APPROVED BUDGET TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE TAX SUPERVISING CONSERVATION COMMISSION. AND IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS AVAILABLE.

>> DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: NO, MA'AM, WE DO NOT.

>> ANY BOARD COMMENTS?

>> I WANT TO SAY I'M REALLY GLAD TO SEE WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE LEDs. SOMETHING I WAS HOPING THAT WOULD HAPPEN SOON AND I KNOW WE WERE WAITING FOR IT TO BE COST EFFECTIVE AND TECHNOLOGY TO BE THERE --

>> A BROAD EFFORT, PGE, DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE REGULATIONS WAS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. WE ARE GOOD WITH THE OUTCOME.

>> I APOLOGIZE, ERIK. DID YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

>> THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. I'M HERE AS YOUR CITIZEN MEMBER OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE, AND JUST A COUPLE OF COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD TO DEMONSTRATE OUR COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL BUDGET LAW AND HELP TSCC HAPPY. YOU KNOW, AS A RESIDENT, SERVED BY THE DISTRICT, I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE BUDGET AND DISCUSS IT WITH TOM. SECONDLY, IN MY VIEW, THE BUDGET WAS PREPARED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIOR YEAR. WITH THE NO RATE INCREASE AND -- IN THE ASSESSMENT IN THE PRIOR YEAR AND WITH THE PLAN SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE CONVERSION TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENT LED, I THINK THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IS BOTH PRUDENT AND APPROPRIATE. AND I THINK FINALLY, THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES ARE APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND. SO, AS A RESULT OF ALL OF THAT, I WILL PLAN TO SUPPORT MANAGEMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET AND I WOULD RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE TO ALSO SUPPORT IT AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS FOR THE RECORD.

Commissioner McKeel: NOW WE WILL VOTE ON THE BUDGET FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE TSCC. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES]

Commissioner McKeel: OPPOSED? THE SERVICE DISTRICT BUDGET IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU.

Commissioner McKeel: I GET TO HIT THIS. WE DON'T GET THAT VERY OFTEN.

Commissioner Kafoury: CAN I HAVE THE GAVEL BACK? I DIDN'T GET TO HIT IT EITHER.

Chair Cogen: WE NOW ADJOURN FOR THE GOVERNING BODY -- RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. AT THIS POINT, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THE R-1 WENT FAR BEYOND WHAT WE HAD BUDGETED FOR THE TIME, WE'VE COME TO A POINT WHERE A MAJORITY OF OUR BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED TO BEING SOMEWHERE ELSE. SO, WE ARE GOING TO LOSE OUR QUORUM MOMENTARILY. AND I'D LIKE TO BEFORE WE LOSE OUR QUORUM ASK FOR A MOTION TO POSTPONE OUR R-4 THROUGH R-8 TO NEXT WEEK OR --

>> A TIME TO BE DETERMINED.

Chair Cogen: A TIME TO BE DETERMINED.

Vice-Chair Shiprack: SO MOVED, MR. CHAIR.

Chair Cogen: IS THERE A SECOND?

Commissioner Kafoury: SECOND.

Chair Cogen: COMMISSION SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER KAFOURY SECONDS MOVING THE REST OF OUR AGENDA TO A TIME TO BE DETERMINED. ALL IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THAT MOTION IS APPROVED AND WE ARE NOW AT THE END OF OUR AGENDA AND GIVEN THAT FOLKS HAVE PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS, THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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