

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET**

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MEETING DATE: 6/14/18

AGENDA ITEM # P-8 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: Joseph Walsh

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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MEETING DATE: Flag Day 14 June '18

AGENDA ITEM # R8 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: R8

NAME: Charles Bridger Ane JOHNSON

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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AGENDA ITEM # 916 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: Lightning Super Creativity Watchdog

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional): _____

ADDRESS: _____

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MEETING DATE: June 14, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # R.8 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X

NAME: SAGE JENSEN

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

CITY/STATE/ZIP: [REDACTED]

PHONE: 503-724-3531 E-MAIL: sagejensen@comcast.net

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Sage Jensen
SE Portland Resident and Small Business Owner

June 14, 2018

RE: Multnomah County Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, January 25, 2018 Regular Board Meeting,
Agenda Item# R.2: Letter of Opposition to the Resolution Approving the FAC-1 Project Design and Construction
Plan and Authorizing the bidding and construction of the Foster Shelter

Dear Board of Commissioners,

I represent myself as well as the *South East Allied Communities* in opposition to the approval of the design and construction plan and authorization of the bidding and construction for the Foster Shelter proposed at 6144 SE Foster Rd. I am a homeowner, small business owner and 15-year resident of the Woodstock neighborhood. I ask that Board votes to not approve the design, construction plan or budget for the following reasons:

- **Insufficient public notice and involvement process.** Multnomah County along with the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS) has held one public meeting to announce the proposed Foster Shelter on December 18, 2017. Nearly 200 people were turned away from this meeting due to insufficient space. Multnomah County and JOHS have repeatedly assured the community a second public forum "will be held in March, April or May", however, this has not happened.
- **The Foster Steering Committee is not a substitute for a public process.** The steering committee is not an independent or self-governed entity. The committee, overseen and hand selected by Commissioner Jessica Vega-Pederson, reviews issues selected solely by JOHS. Members do not have the ability to create the agenda or vote on key issues. Public comment is limited to 10 minutes at each monthly meeting.
- **Point in Time counts numbers do not justify a mass homeless shelter on Foster Rd.** The County's statement that 20% of those experiencing homelessness are located in SE Portland do not warrant placement of a large scale shelter on SE Foster Rd, where few homeless persons are located and fewer services exist.
- **Undo socioeconomic burden on a lower income east-side neighborhood.** The placement multiple mass homeless shelter in lower-income east side neighborhoods puts an undo burden on the shoulders communities that have historically struggled to maintain and grow safe and viable residential and business community. The new shelter capacity in the past two years has been focused in areas outside the downtown core, and more specifically in outer east Portland. Since December of 2017, neighbors across east Portland have been informed of the proposal for mass homeless shelters in the neighborhoods of Mt. Scott-Arleta (Foster Shelter, 61/Foster), Lents (PHFS Family Shelter, 92/Tolman), Mill Park (W-East Shelter, 122/Main) and Hazelwood (122/Burnside) Neighborhoods. The pattern of the County opportunistically placing large homeless shelters without a comprehensive plan in lower-income neighborhoods in east Portland is neither equitable nor is it sustainable.

We deeply care about our community, including those that find themselves experiencing homelessness. I ask that the Board of Commissioners recognize and honor the prior commitments made to the businesses and residents of this community and reconsider the concept of mass homeless shelters that place undo burden on any community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sage Jensen