

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, October 2, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioners Jules Bailey present. Commissioner Judy Shiprack arrived at 9:36 a.m. and Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:37 a.m.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney; Matthew Ryan, Assistant County Attorney; and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

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

Chair Kafoury: I THINK WE ARE GOING TO GET STARTED SO IF EVERYONE WOULD PLEASE HAVE A SEAT. GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

>> MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> WE ARE ALL IN AGREEMENT SINCE THERE IS ONLY THREE OF US HERE THIS MORNING. COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES AND McKEEL SECONDS THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OH, WAIT, HERE SHE IS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOTE ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

>> ABSOLUTELY.

>> AYE.

>> Chair Kafoury: THE CONCEPT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

>> WE DO, OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON, AND THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION, AND WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME COME FORWARD AND TAKE A SEAT.

>> Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN GET STARTED, MR. PHILLIPS.

>> I AM PAUL PHILLIPS. I SPOKE HERE SEPTEMBER 25th ABOUT ERIK HOLDER. I

AM LUCKY TO BE ALIVE AS I SAID IN THE PAST. I ALSO HAVE A STATEMENT THAT -- TO LOSE WEIGHT, I LOST 60 POUNDS IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS. OF COURSE, IT MIGHT BE A PRETTY DRAMATIC WEIGHT LOSS SCHEME. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BREAK YOUR HIP AND TWO VERTEBRAE IN YOUR SPINAL CORD TO DO IT. I DID IT. SO, ANYBODY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO IT. THAT WAS AFTER SEVEN SERVICE ANIMAL ATTACKS ON MY SERVICE ANIMAL THAT, THAT IS, FROM THE SAME DOG. THE 25th, WHEN I SPOKE HERE, AFTER I LEFT THE MEETING, WITHIN AN HOUR, SOMEBODY WAS TELLING ME THAT ERIK HOLDER HAD RESIGNED. I THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE JUST TRYING TO PULL MY LEG. I SAID WELL, I WOULD LOOK AT THAT. ON THE INTERNET, AND IT WAS TRUE. I HAD WRITTEN ERIK HOLDER FOUR TIMES, AND THEY WERE SAYING ON THE NEWS THAT HE WAS DOING SUCH A GOOD JOB. APPARENTLY, MY NOTES FROM, FROM THE 18th, I WROTE THAT HE DID NOTHING. THE TEXT IS THERE ONLINE FROM THE 18th. HE STILL IS GETTING TAXPAYERS' MONEY FOR DOING NOTHING. THEY WERE SAYING NOT ONLY WAS HE THE CHIEF, THE TOP -- I DIDN'T GET THIS TEXT PRINTED, RESIGNATION OF THE CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL, OBAMA IS, IS, APPARENTLY, HIS FRIEND, AND HE RESIGNED. I DON'T HAVE FRIENDS LIKE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. BUT, SOMEBODY WAS SAYING, I THINK IT WAS THE PRESIDENT, THAT, THAT, THAT EVERYBODY IS, IS FREE AND EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW. IF YOU WOULD READ MY COMMENTS ABOUT EQUALITY, THE STATEMENTS OF THAT, I GOT NOTHING BUT, BUT A PIECE OF METAL IN MY HIP, AND THE TAXPAYERS HAD TO PAY \$100,000 FOR MEDICAL SO FAR. I HAVE A PAPER HERE FROM THE MEDICARE HANDBOOK THAT, THAT -- PAGE 130, I WILL HAND IN, AND DISCUSS NEXT WEEK, AS WELL AS A LETTER ON MY APARTMENT DOOR FROM, FROM HAMILTON WEST MANAGEMENT SERVICES. I WILL HAND THIS IN, ALSO. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO NEXT?

>> MARY. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

>> THANK YOU. I THOUGHT I WAS NUMBER FOUR. MARY, SUNNYSIDE RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATE AM I AM HERE TO THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU DO ON THE WOMEN LEAGUE OF VOTERS. WE ARE HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THE RULES BY WAY OF VOTING. THE DEADLINE IS COMING UP OK 14th. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE BUCHMAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, WHO ALSO MEETS HERE. THERE IS A CONNECTION HERE WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE INNER SOUTHEAST. WHAT I SEE AS POSSIBLE DISCONNECT IS I HAVE BEEN MONITORING THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT ADVISORY COUNCIL REGARDING OUR PROTECTING OUR INDUSTRIAL SANCTUARY. THINGS ARE HAPPENING AND HAPPENING FAST, AND SO WHEN I'VE BEEN TRACKING AND READING, I READ THIS, I DON'T SEE ANYONE HERE ON THIS LIST FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I IMPORE YOU TO SEND A LIAISON TO WATCHING THESE. ONE OF MY CONCERNS IN READING THE PLAN, THE MAP, THEY WANT FIVE, 10-STORY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS THERE. I AM JUST

REALLY APPALLED AT THAT. OMSI IS A NONPROFIT. HOW IT IS NOW, THEY ARE IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, AND WHEN I ATTENDED THE LAST QUADRANT MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, TRUST ME, THERE WAS A REAL ESTATE AGENT THERE, AND THERE IS, THAT IS REALLY PUSHING TO INFILTRATE ON OUR INDUSTRIAL SANCTUARY. WE HAVE TRIED TO PROTECT IT, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE VISION IS, 30 YEARS OUT, AND WE NEED TO HOLD THAT LINE AT SOUTHEAST 12th AVENUE. BACK TO OMSI, SO CLOSE TO AN INTERSTATE, INTER-COMMERCE RAILROAD. THE TOXICS IN THE AIR COMING IN FROM COAL TRAINS, CRUDE OIL TRAINS, WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, IF ONE OF THOSE SINGLE SHELL CARS EXPLODES. THAT COMES OUT OF YOUR POCKET AND MINE, AND NOT THE, THE FOREIGN INVESTOR. THE INVESTOR DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY TO FIX THE RAILROAD TRACKS. I LIVE NEXT TO A RAILROAD TRACK IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA. ONE GUY JUMPED ON A CAR, AND WE HAD IRON ORE GOING INTO DULUTH, MINNESOTA, FROM THE TOP OF MINNESOTA. AND THE STATE. A GUY JUMPS ON IT AND RIDES THE RAIL FOR THREE BLOCKS AND FALLS OFF, THERE IS A JERK, AND HE LOSES HIS LEG. HERE IN PORTLAND, IN JUNE OF 2009, WE HAD A GUY AT ROSA PARKS, AND WE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH GREEN SPACE, AND I FEEL THAT'S, THAT SCHOOL WAS MISCITED. ANYWAY, HE LOST FOUR TOES. THAT IS NOT THE PLACE TO RAISE KIDS. I HAVE ASKED EVERY OFFICE HERE, PLEASE, WHAT ABOUT SIGHTING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE. IT'S ACROSS THE BRIDGE, CLOSE. WE DON'T NEED A SECOND PEARL. WE NEED TO HAVE EVEN EQUITY, WITH EQUITY, I THINK THAT EVEN IN EDUCATION, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT RUMORED, THEY WANT THE A SILENT TAG THERE, AND KIDS NOW THAT ARE IN THE OLD BUCHMAN NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL. AND THOSE LITTLE KIDS ARE NOW OVER ON, ON -- PASSING THE, THE 99 OR WHAT IS IT, POWELL BOULEVARD AND ATTENDING SCHOOL OVER ON, ON HOLGATE. WE DON'T NEED TO SET UP ANOTHER SCHOOL AT THAT SITE. WHEN WE DON'T HAVE MONEY TO, TO DO THE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AT JEFFERSON OR THE DEFERRED AT ROOSEVELT SCHOOL. MY THREE MINUTES ARE UP. I TALKED FAST, AND I HOPE YOU GOT IT. PLEASE SEND SOMEBODY TO THE MEETINGS, AND WHEN I CALL IN AND I ASK TO TALK TO ONE OF YOU, I HOPE THAT, THAT STAFF PERSON REALLY WILL PUT ME THROUGH. THAT'S NOT HAPPENING. I AM NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH MY DIARY OF HOW MANY OFFICES I HAVE CALLED. I AM A LITTLE BIT FRUSTRATED AT THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOUR STAFF AND YOU AND THE PUBLIC. PLEASE, PLEASE, NO MORE DISCONNECTS. ESPECIALLY WITH THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE. I DON'T TRUST WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE WITH THE LAND, NICK FISH DECLARED THE PROPERTY SURPLUS BACK IN DECEMBER, AND SOLD IT ON CRAIGSLIST, AND NO ONE KNEW WHAT WAS HAPPENING, SO I DON'T KNOW, IT'S LIKE A SOFT CORRUPTION. I WOULD LOVE TO THINK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ABOVE IT, THANK YOU.

>> [INAUDIBLE] RESONATE THE MIND, THE LADY ACROSS THE WAY, SO WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CASE ACROSS THE WAY WITH THE FAKE BOMB TRIAL? IT DEVASTATES ME, HIS MOM WAS VERY, VERY, VERY SWEET. I LIVED

IN THEIR CULTURE AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN VIOLENCE. IT'S, IT'S -- WHAT I BELIEVE -- THEY GO HAZARD A LOT BECAUSE OF THEIR CULTURE, AND IT'S LIKE ANY OTHER CULTURE. I AM IRISH, AND I'VE BEEN HARASSED A LOT. FOR ANYBODY TO GO THROUGH, AND THEY WANT TO BE EXTRA NICE AND SWEET TO PEOPLE HARASSED ON THE STREET OR HAVE TO GO THROUGH A LIFE LIKE THAT, AND RESONATE THE MIND OF LIKE, TRUTH HERE, AND TRUTH OF, OF VOICE. THERE IS A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON IN THE SYSTEM. I FEEL LIKE I'M AN UNDERCOVER, YOU KNOW, JUST LISTENING TO SOME OF THE STUFF THAT'S GOING ON AND FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE. BUT, A LOT OF THE STUFF IS THAT'S GOING ON, IS NOT TRUTHFUL. OUR CITY AND THE PEOPLE WORKING FOR IT -- THERE IS -- SOME OF IT IS A LITTLE BIT CROOKED. DISHONEST. IT'S NOT -- WE DON'T NEED STUFF IN A COMMUNITY. I AM NEW TO THIS COMMUNITY, AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND LISTENING. SOME OF THIS STUFF -- IT'S GOT TO BE TALKED ABOUT LIKE IN A SENSE OF LIKE TRUTH IS WHAT I'M -- WHAT I CAME HERE TO WRITE DOWN ABOUT TRUTH. THANK YOU FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING ON THE SYSTEM THAT ARE TRUTHFULLY -- I GIVE YOU GRATITUDE. THAT'S VERY AWESOME. THE TRUTH THAT -- YOU GUYS ARE -- EVERYBODY IS OUT THERE AND DOING THE BEST THAT THEY CAN TO BE THE MOST OF EVERYTHING, WHETHER IT'S WORKING ON, ON, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S OK, BEING, BEING -- IN ALL HONESTY, MY BIG THING HERE, I MEAN, I CAME HERE WRITING ABOUT TRUTH, AND I HAVE THIS, THIS TRUST ISSUE LIKE, LIKE, I'VE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE OFFICERS. I WANT THROUGH AND ONE OF MY CHARGES, WAS IT -- THEY WENT UP THERE, AND NOT ONLY BEAT ME UP AND TOOK ME TO COURT, AND IT WAS LIKE, I WAS WONDERING, WHY WOULD, WHY WERE THEY NOT GETTING HELP? AND THEY ARE GOING UP AGAINST ME FOR WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE TO ME. NOT ONLY THAT, THEY ARE LYING ON THE STAND. THAT'S NOT TRUTHFUL. AND LOOK AT THE GUY ACROSS THE WAY, TRUTHFULLY, THEY DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY WERE BEING SEEN, AND THE GUY GOT \$575,000 REWARD FOR TAKING A BEATING HIM. 558,000 VOLTAGES, SHOCK AFTER SHOCK AFTER SHOCK. I MEAN, WE DON'T NEED THIS IN OUR TOWN. THAT'S TEACHING PEOPLE VIOLENCE AND, AND YOU GROW WITH YOUR KIDS AND PEOPLE AND LOVED ONES, AND YOU TEACH YOUR KIDS NOT TO DO VIOLENCE, NOT TO PUT -- TO BRING THIS DOWN AND GROW UP WITH GRATITUDE OF LIKE, LIKE GETTING SOMEONE'S DOOR AND DOING SOMETHING NICE FOR SOMEONE, AND GIVING THEM THE COURAGE UP AND GREETING SOMEONE'S DAY AND GIVE SOMEONE TO SMILE ABOUT OR SOMETHING NICE, AND YOU DON'T GO AROUND AND YOU WEAR THE SUITS AND YOU PROTECT THE TOWN PEOPLE, AND THE COMMUNITY, AND THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND PEOPLE, PEOPLE, AND WHEN YOU GET CALLED ON THE SCENES, I FEAR, IN MY LIFE, THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT I TRUST, AND IF I WERE TO CALL ON SOMEONE FOR HELP OR SOMEBODY TO REACH OUT TO, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO COME OUT AND TRY TO BEAT ME UP, AND THEY ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND ME, THAT IT'S ALL RIGHT THAT I CALLED THEM AND SAID, THERE IS A CRIMINAL DOWN THE ROAD JUST IN A SHOOTING. ARE THEY GOING TO WRITE DOWN MY, ME THE SAME AND BEAT ME UP? TAKE THE

WRONG SUSPECT? IT'S JUST -- THE TRUST ISSUES AND TRUTH IS LIKE -- THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THE HONEST AND TRUTHFUL PEOPLE OUT THERE FIGHTING AND THEY ARE OUT THERE, AND THEY ARE KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND, AND THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE THAT, THAT I HAVE MET IN THE TIME THAT, THAT I AM HERE, STAYING HERE IN PORTLAND, THE PEOPLE WERE VERY GENERAL AND TRUTHFUL TO ME. I HAVE A LOT OF TRUTH IN MY HEART AND, AND I GROW WITH PEOPLE, AND NOT THE PEOPLE I GROW WITH, I RESONATE IN MY MIND AND MY HEART AND MY SOUL, AND I LIVE AROUND THE PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY TRUTHFUL. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

>> HI. COMMISSIONERS, GOOD MORNING. I JUST WANTED TO RUN BY SOME STUFF THAT I OBSERVED WITH THE USA FIRST AS MOHAMMED [INAUDIBLE]. I ATTENDED EVERY DAY OF THE TRIAL AND FOUND IT EXTREMELY FASCINATING. I AM VERY FOND OF THE NOTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY, AND I, AMEND, SORT OF THROUGH MY WRITING IT AND PROCESSING ON MY BLOG.

>> I TURNED TO MY OWN CONCLUSIONS ABOUT HOW NATIONAL SECURITY IS NOT ENHANCED BY, BY GIVING [INAUDIBLE] AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON DRUGS, FAKE BOMBS. SO, HISTORICALLY THE FBI HAS BEEN CONTROVERSIAL, EVEN INCLUDING INTERAGENCY RIVALRIES BETWEEN CIA AND FBI AND TURF WARS, SO TO SPEAK. AND I THINK THE FBI OFTEN DOES GREAT STUFF. LIKE I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING WITH HUMAN TRAFFICKING, FOR INSTANCE. BUT, IN THIS INSTANCE, EVEN PEOPLE WITHIN THE FBI WERE WHISTLE BLOWING THE SITUATION, LIKE A GUY FROM LOS ANGELES CALLED ISAAC TEE LONG WAS SENT OUT TO SAY NO, MOHAMMED, MOHAMMED IS TOO CONFLICTED. HE'S A TEENAGER. HE'S A COLLEGE STUDENT. HE'S NOT THE, THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR, FOR SOME KIND OF FAKE BOMB THING, WHICH IT TURNS OUT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING THIS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN A SORT OF TERROR FACTORY WAY TO, TO QUOTE TREVOR [INAUDIBLE]'S BOOK. WHAT I FOUND ABOUT YESTERDAY'S SENTENCING HEARING WAS A COMPELLING MOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY TOWARDS AN AWARENESS OF THE, THE SOCIAL SERVICES NEEDS OF THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY AND HOW THE FBI SAW THEIR OPPORTUNITY, AND AT THIS POINT IN HISTORY, THE FBI THINKS IT'S OK TO DO THIS, TO BE A PREDATOR ON TEENS WHO ARE VULNERABLE. BUT BRINGING IT BACK TO YOU GUYS, WE CAN TRY TO FIND HOW WE COULD REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL SERVICES, AND IF, FOR INSTANCE, MOHAMMED HAD HAD MORE ACCESS TO RESOURCES TOWARDS COUNSELING OR, OR CULTURAL ADAPTATIONS, HE, ACTUALLY, HAD A REALLY PROLIFIC CAREER IN VOLUNTEERING, IN SERVICE, AND HE WORKED AT A COMPUTER VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM, AND DID A LOT OF THINGS THAT WERE REALLY POWERFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY. I THINK HEARING HIS MOTHER -- SHE WAS SPOTLIGHTED AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE FIRST PERSON TO SPEAK, AND IT WAS PRETTY AMAZING TO HEAR HER WORDS AND HER PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE BEING A FEMINIST, I

REALLY FELT THAT WOMEN WERE LEFT OUT OF THE SITUATION. WOMEN WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS REGARDING THE FAKE BOMB, THAT IT WOULD BE GIVEN OR CHOSEN, AND HIS MOTHER WASN'T GIVEN ANY RIGHTS IN THE SITUATION, AND TOWARDS THE PROTECTION OF HER, HER YOUNG BOY, AND SO, I HAVE THIS INTERESTING EXCHANGE WITH PORTLAND COP WATCH ABOUT THE DOJ, AND I TOLD MARSHALL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE SETTLEMENT REGARDING THE PORTLAND POLICE BRUTALITY. IN PORTLAND, COP WATCH, WHOEVER WHO IS SO SKEPTICAL WAS LIKE, KIND OF A TRICKY SITUATION BECAUSE THE DOJ, BASICALLY, IS, IS GIVING THE ORDER THAT WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BEAT, BEAT DISABLED PEOPLE FOR THEIR DISABILITIES, FROM ONE HAND, BUT THEY ARE ALSO SAYING IT'S OK IF WE GIVE FAKE BOMBS TO DEPRESSED IMMIGRANT TEENS, AND SO I THINK THAT THE CONTRADICTION AND THE TENSION IS APPARENT IN WHO DO WE LOOK FOR? WHO DO WE LOOK TO FOR LEADERSHIP HERE? THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> R1.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND SMITH SECONDS SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF R1. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM TERRY BAXTER, WITH THE COUNTY RECORDS' PROGRAM. I AM REALLY JUST HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THE WEEK OR SO SINCE YOU SAW THIS COMING IN FRONT OF YOU, THE ORDINANCE, WHAT IS IT HERE, AMENDING THE CHAPTER 8 COUNTY ASSETS.

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, JUST A CLARIFYING QUESTION, HOW WILL YOU NOTIFY CITIZENS THIS IS AVAILABLE IN THE ARCHIVE SYSTEM?

>> WELL, WE HAVE -- WE HAVE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS THAT WE NOTIFY THE CITIZENS ABOUT THIS. WE ARE -- OUR COUNTY ARCHIVES' MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET, SO PEOPLE CAN GET TO RESEARCH THROUGH THAT. PLUS, WE HAVE TAX, CONTACT INFORMATION OUT THERE, SO WE CAN DISCUSS THE RESEARCH STRATEGIES WITH THE CITIZENS DIRECTLY. MOST OF THE OTHER ARCHIVES IN THE AREA, WE DO A LOT OF REFERENCE COLLABORATIVELY BECAUSE PEOPLE COME IN WITH A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING, BUT THEY ARE NOT SURE WHAT JURISDICTION THEY ARE LOOKING FOR, SO WE GET A LOT OF REFERRALS FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND ARCHIVES OR OHS, AND WE REFER PEOPLE

BACK IN THAT SAME DIRECTION, AND SO WE DO SOME, SOME, SOME GENERAL PROMOTIONS LIKE WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW AROUND THE ARCHIVES, SO THAT'S SOMETHING DIRECTED TOWARDS THE CITIZENS WHERE WE, YOU KNOW, WILL DO SOME PROMOTION OUTSIDE OF OUR NORMAL CHANNELS, BUT, I THINK, MOST PEOPLE COME TO US THROUGH A BLOG OR THROUGH, THROUGH COLLEAGUES.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU, TERRY, AND WE MISSED YOU DURING PROCLAMATION PART ARCHIVES' MONTH.

>> Chair Kafoury: WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE BECAUSE IT'S NOT QUITE THE SAME WITHOUT SEEING YOU HERE.

>> YES, ARCHIVES' MONTH, YEAH! [LAUGHTER]

>> Chair Kafoury: LET'S GET THROUGH THIS AGENDA SO WE CAN CELEBRATE IT. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE SECOND READING IS APPROVED AND THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>>> R2.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING CLARE AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND I AM HERE TODAY WITH LIEUTENANT TRAVIS GOLDBERG OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF, AND SPECIFICALLY, SERVING THE RIVER PATROL UNIT. THIS, THIS PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT IS WITH THE PORT OF PORTLAND AND METRO, WHO ARE THE OTHER TWO GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT ARE ACTIVE AT THE GLEASON BOAT RAMP. THE COST-SHARING FORMULA IS, IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THIS DREDGING PERTAINS JUST TO THE DOCK, WHICH IS DOWN THE STREAM OF THE MAIN BOAT RAMP. THE DOCK IS SHARED, PRIMARILY, BY MUCK SHERIFF'S RIVER PATROL UNITS, WHICH HAS THREE BOATHOUSES, AND THE PORT OF PORTLAND HAS ONE BOATHOUSE FOR ITS, ITS RIVER FIRE BOAT. THERE IS INCIDENTAL PUBLIC USE OUT AT THE END OF THE DOCK, WHICH IS, IS REPRESENTED BY THE METRO'S SMALL PERCENTAGE SHARE. METRO IS THE OWNER OF THE MAIN BOAT RAMP AND THE ENTIRE PUBLIC FACILITY, AND SO THEY TAKE CARE OF THAT DREDGING WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF THE PORT OR THE COUNTY. SO, THE, THE

110,000 OF THE COUNTY'S SHARE FOR THIS, THIS, THIS ACTIVITY, THIS FALL WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH ITS EXISTING BUDGET.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT AGAIN, I'M WITH THE RIVER PATROL, AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THIS WORK HAS TO BE DONE. IT'S ESSENTIAL TO THE OPERATIONS OF NOT ONLY OUR OFFICE, BUT THE PORT OF PORTLAND HAS A FIRE RESPONSE BOAT THERE. THESE BOATHOUSES ARE POSITIONED IN A WAY WHERE YOU HAVE TO, TO EXIT THEM DOWN THE STREAM, AND THE AREA IDENTIFIED THAT NEEDS TO BE DREDGE IDEA IS, IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF, OF R2 RESPONSES, AND WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH METRO IN ORDER TO GET THEM ONBOARD, SO AGAIN, IT'S A COST SHARE OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS, OF THREE AGENCIES AND, AND ESSENTIAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. MR. ELLIOTT, IN THE IGA, DOES IT INDICATE OR COMMIT MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO \$225,000 IN FIVE YEARS FOR ADDITIONAL DREDGING?

>> NO, COMMISSIONER SMITH. OF THE \$225,000 IS JUST FOR THIS YEAR'S DREDGING. IN FUTURE YEARS, WE EXPECT THAT THE DREDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON, ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS. PART OF THE REASON IT'S \$225,000 FOR THIS FALL'S WORK IS BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN DONE SINCE 2003, SO IT'S OVERDUE. IF THE DREDGING IS DONE ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS, THE COST WILL BE LESS, AND THE COMMITMENT THAT WE HAVE, WE HAVE MADE IN THE IGA IS, IS THAT THE COUNTY WILL PAY FOR 47% OF WHATEVER THAT COST IS IN THE FUTURE. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE SETTING ASIDE A LINE ITEM IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGETS FROM THIS POINT FORWARD TO ESTIMATE AND SET ASIDE A SHARE.

>> Comm. Smith: THE SECOND QUESTION, FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, YOU SAY THIS WAS GOING TO BE A PART OF THE EXISTING BUDGET, BUT THIS WAS NOT A PART OF THE, OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET. WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE MONEY FROM?

>> I WOULD LIKE TO DID HE EVER THAT QUESTION.

>> Comm. Smith: MISS YANKEE.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM LINDA YANKEE, WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND, AND WE PLAN TO TRY TO PAY FOR THIS WITH EXISTING RESOURCES. OF COURSE, AT THE END OF THE YEAR COMES, AND WE'RE, WE'RE LOOKING LIKE WE HAVE A SHORTFALL, WE MAY COME TO THE BOARD AT THAT TIME AND ASK FOR MONEYS TO PAY FOR IT.

>> Comm. Smith: THAT'S MY QUESTION BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT A PART OF THE ORIGINAL BUDGET, SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO USE EXISTING, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE AWAY?

>> I THINK WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT WHAT OUR SAVINGS ARE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND HOPEFULLY, IT'S WITHIN THE DOLLARS. WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY, BUT AS WE RETURN MONEYS TO THE GENERAL FUND, WE'RE HOPING TO USE SOME OF THOSE MONEYS NEXT YEAR.

>> Comm. Smith: THE ONLY REASON I ASK THAT IS BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME CONVERSATION EARLIER THAT, THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A CONTINGENCY REQUEST BECAUSE YOU ALL DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY, SO I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHERE DID YOU GET THE MONEY FROM, FROM SINCE THOSE CONVERSATIONS?

>> WELL, PART OF THAT WAS, WAS ME BECOMING MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE BUDGET AND, AND WE DID NOT ASK FOR MONEY FOR THIS, THIS FISCAL YEAR BECAUSE THIS SUBJECT DIDN'T COME UP UNTIL MAY WHEN WE STARTED DISCUSSING IT, AND WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE COST WOULD BE. IT'S EARLY TO BE COMING TO ASK FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS RIGHT NOW, SO WE'RE ANTICIPATING TO LOOK AT WHERE WE CAN SAVE MONEY WITHIN THE BUDGET, AND AT THE END OF THE YEAR, IF WE NEED THE, MEET THE CONTINGENCY DOLLARS, WE'LL COME AND, AND REQUEST THE MONEY.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? I APPRECIATE THAT GOING FORWARD, HAVING A LINE ITEM SO THAT WE CAN DO THIS ON A MORE REGULAR BASIS, AND THEN THE COSTS WON'T BE SO HIGH WHEN IT COMES AROUND.

>> WE HAD ONE PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> MR. LIGHTNING.

>>> GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING FROM LIGHTNING RETHINK LAB. I ALWAYS HAVE AN ISSUE WITH DREDGING. WE HAVE NOT HEARD WHERE YOU ARE GOING TO DISPOSE OF THE DREDGING MATERIALS WHEN THIS TAKE PLACE, AND NUMBER TWO, ARE WE GOING TO TEST THE, THE DREDGING MATERIALS FOR CONTAMINATION? NUMBER THREE, ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A, AN OFF-SITE LOCATION ON THE LAND TO DISPOSE OF THE MATERIALS? AND NUMBER THREE, DO YOU PLAN ON TAKING THESE CONTAMINATED,

MATERIALS AND JUST TAKING THEM INTO THE CENTER OF THE RIVER ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER AND DUMPING THEM SINCE YOU CAN'T DO THAT ON THE WILLAMETTE ANY MORE, WHICH IS CALLED A SUPER FUND SITE, AND I NEED TO BE AWARE OF THIS BECAUSE THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS CURRENTLY DOING A DREDGING PROJECT CALLED THE WILLAMETTE PARK BOAT LAUNCH, AND THEY WERE DENIED TO TAKE IT OFF-SITE TO THE LAND, AND THEY TESTED. IT WAS CONTAMINATED, SO THEIR RESPONSE WAS, OUR SOLUTION IS WE'LL TAKE IT UP TO THE COLUMBIA AND DUMP IT INTO THE CENTER OF THE COLUMBIA. AS YOU KNOW, THEY ARE NOT DOING IT ON THE WILLAMETTE BECAUSE THAT'S BEING WATCHED CLOSELY BECAUSE IT'S A SUPER FUND SITE. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT I HAVE ON THIS SITUATION, IS THAT I HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR MR. HUGHES IN, AND METRO DOES OWN THE PROPERTY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY METRO DOES NOT PAY, PAY THE OVERALL COST AND, AND I HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPECT FOR HIM. YOU HAVE SOME -- WHAT I CONSIDER TENANTS, MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL HAS THREE BOATHOUSES, PORT OF PORTLAND HAS ONE. I WOULD THINK THAT METRO WOULD HANDLE THE COST. NUMBER TWO IS I HAVE AN ISSUE ON WHY YOU ARE NOT GOING TO THE OREGON MARINE BOARD TO GET A GRANT. AS YOU KNOW, THE CITY OF PORTLAND GOT A GRANT FOR ALL THEIR DREDGING COSTS. WHY HAVEN'T YOU DONE THAT? I THINK THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT AND ALSO GET A GRANT FROM THE OREGON MARINE BOARD TO COVER THE COSTS BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY WANTS TO PAY THE COSTS. IT WILL COME OUT OF -- YOU AND I BOTH KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN OVER THEIR BUDGET EVERY TYPE, AND THEIR OVERTIME HAS BEEN OUTRAGEOUS, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND HOW DO YOU THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO COME UP WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING AT THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS, THEY NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT? THEY ARE GOING TO COME BACK TO YOU, AND ASK YOU TO COVER THAT COST, AND THEY PROBABLY HAVEN'T CALCULATED THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE ENVIRONMENTALISTS TRYING TO STOP YOU FROM DUMPING IT IN THE CENTER OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER BECAUSE I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, YOUR BID IS SO LOW RIGHT NOW, THAT I AM VERY CURIOUS WHERE YOU ARE PLANNING ON DUMPING THIS DREDGING MATERIAL, HAVE YOU TESTED IT FOR CONTAMINANTS? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE REPORTS, AND AGAIN, THEY WILL BE RE-CERTIFYING THE LEVY ON THE MARINE DRIVE, AND I THINK THEY NEED TO PUT A STOP AND A STAY ON THIS DREDGING UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE RECERTIFICATION ON THE ELAINE MURPHY IS GOING TO BE. YOU WILL HAVE FEMA AND YOU WILL HAVE THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND THEY ARE GOING TO OVERRIDE A LOT OF DECISIONS THERE, POSSIBLY, REBUILDING THE WHOLE LEVY, AND THE ROAD ON THE LEVY IS CONSIDERED AN ENCROACHMENT, IF THEY BRING IT UP TO THE STANDARDS OF THE NEW, NEW ORLEANS LEVY, THEY HAVE TO REPLACE THE LEVY. THEY HAVE TO, TO TAKE THAT ROAD OFF THE LEVY, AND THIS IS GOING TO BE A, A BILLION DOLLARS PROJECT, NOT IN THE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS, AND I THINK THAT THEY ARE GOING TO REMOVE THE BUSINESSES FROM, FROM THE NEW LEVY

AND, AND OUT TO THE WATER AND, AND THEY ARE GOING TO REMOVE THEM AND THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE THERE ANY MORE BECAUSE IT'S A PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE AND A NATIONAL SECURITY THREAT. I AM GOING TO BE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY. I KNOW MY TIME IS UP, BUT, BUT I WANT TO SEE WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO BE DUMPING THE, THE DREDGING MATERIALS AND HAVE THEY TESTED THEM FOR CONTAMINANTS. THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>>> R3.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R3.

>> GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. KEN ELLIOTT, CARRYING ON HERE AT THE TABLE. ON BEHALF OF, OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND THE LIBRARY. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE OTHER, THE OTHER SPEAKERS THIS MORNING. FIRST TO MY LEFT IS HENRY ALAMAN, THE COUNTY'S NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT. TO MY IMMEDIATE RIGHT IS ANN KNUTSON, WHO IS THE LIBRARIAN SUPERVISOR AT THE HILLSDALE REGIONAL LIBRARY. ALSO SERVES AS THE VOLUNTEER PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION SPINDRIFT COTTAGE, WHICH IS THE PROPOSED GRANTEE OF THIS TRANSIT CENTER. TO HER RIGHT IS DEAN GISVOLD OF THE LAW FIRM, WHO IS THE ATTORNEY FOR SPINDRIFT COTTAGE. I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY PASSING THE BATON TO HENRY, AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> AS KEN MENTIONED, I AM YOUR NEW FACILITIES AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT DIVISION DIRECTOR, AND TODAY IS MY FOURTH DAY ON THE JOB.

>> Chair Kafoury: DOING A GREAT JOB.

>> SO, AS THE, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR, TODAY, I AM HERE TO CONFIRM THAT THE BEACH COTTAGE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR COUNTY USE, THE COUNTY HAS

NO PRACTICAL EFFICIENT OR APPROPRIATE USE OF THE, FOR THE BEACH COTTAGE, AND I WILL HAVE NO USE FOR THE COTTAGE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. I REMEMBER THE COTTAGE BE DECLARED SURPLUS, IN CONSIDERING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND SPINDRIFT'S CURRENT OPERATIONS, AS A LEESERE, I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD EXEMPT THE COTTAGE FROM ADDITIONAL, THE ADDITIONAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROCESS AS SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION 04185, AND BASED UPON THE DISPOSITION RECOMMENDATION OF THE RESOLUTION.

>> THANK YOU, HENRY. I WOULD LIKE TO, TO EXPLAIN A LITTLE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THIS, OF THIS TRANSIT CENTER. THE PORTLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION DEEDED THE COTTAGE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN 1990 WHEN THE OTHER LIBRARY BUILDINGS WERE TRANSFERRED. THE ORIGIN OF THIS, AS A LIBRARIAN'S REST HOUSE GOES BACK NEARLY A CENTURY, IF NOT MORE THAN A CENTURY. IT WAS THE, THE RESIDENTS OF THE ORIGINAL, I BELIEVE, OR THE MOST NOTED COUNTY LIBRARIAN, WHO PROVIDED THAT IT BE TRANSFERRED IN TRUST FOR A REST HOUSE, A BEACH HOUSE FOR, FOR, FOR, FOR THE, THE RETIRED LIBRARIANS AND OTHER, OTHER LIBRARY STAFF. IT WAS CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY BY THE, THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF PORTLAND IN 1990 WITH THE SAME USE RESTRICTION, AND THE COUNTY IS, IS, WOULD BE CONVEYING ITS SUBJECT TO THE SAME USE RESTRICTION AT THIS TIME TO, TO SPINDRIFT COTTAGE. SPINDRIFT IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1990 BY VOLUNTEERS OF THE, OF THE, OF THE -- OF THE LIBRARY STAFF, AND TO, TO, TO OPERATE AND, AND MANAGE THE HOUSE, THE HOUSE CONSISTENT WITH THE, THE ORIGINAL DONORS, THE DONOR'S GOALS, AND ANNE AND DEAN BOTH KNOW A LOT MORE ON THE HISTORY OF THIS PROPERTY, SO IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO, TO REFER THEM TO THEM.

>> Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANY, ANYTHING FOR THE RECORD THIS MORNING? EITHER OF YOU? SINCE YOU ARE HERE?

>> THANK YOU.

>> ALL RIGHT, ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R4.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND SMITH SECONDS R4. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, I AM RITA JIMENEZ, AND I AM THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY'S DIRECTOR, AND I AM ALSO THE PERSON WHO OVERSEES OUR AWARD-WINNING SERVICES TO IMMIGRANTS. THANK YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO, TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH YOU ABOUT THE BUDGET MODIFICATION TO INCREASE A BILINGUAL OUTREACH SPECIALIST FROM 20 TO 30 HOURS. THE FOCUS OF THE EMPLOYEE IS DEDICATED TO COORDINATE THE PLAN AND PRESENT [INAUDIBLE] ACROSS LIBRARY LOCATIONS. IT TRANSLATES FROM SPANISH INTO ENGLISH AS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN, AND CREATED THIS PROGRAM TO HELP CLOSE THE KINDERGARTEN READINESS GAP FOR SPANISH SPEAKING CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY. ACCORDING TO PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DATA, ONLY 55% OF THE LATINO PRESCHOOLERS WERE READY FOR KINDERGARTEN. OUR PROGRAM AIMS TO CLOSE THAT GAP. IT IS GROUNDED IN BEST PRACTICES TO ENHANCE A DEVELOPMENT OF LITERACY AMONG SPANISH SPEAKING CHILDREN, THREE TO FIVE, WHO HAVE NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS LIKE HEAD START, AND WE EMPOWER PARENTS BY RAISING THEIR PARENTS ABOUT WAYS TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN. WE OFFER THIS PROGRAM AT LIBRARIES IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SPANISH SPEAKERS, ACCORDING TO CENSUS DATA. JUST TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF THE TIME LINE OF THE PROGRAM, WE STARTED IN 2012, AT THREE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARIES, AND IT WAS FUNDED WITH A FEDERAL GRANT, AND FROM THE BEGINNING IT WAS STAFFED WITH A 20-HOUR EMPLOYEE. DURING 2013 TO 2014, IT WAS OFFERED AT SEVEN LIBRARIES, AND WE SERVED OVER 1,600 CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS. FOR OUR 2014 AND 2015 COHORTS, WE WILL OFFER IT AT FIVE LOCATIONS IN THE FAIRVIEW AREA. SOME INDICATORS OF OUR SUCCESS ARE THAT 92% OF THE FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM HAVE REPORTED AN INCREASE IN THE READING TO THEIR CHILDREN, AND WE HAVE 71 FAMILIES ON A WAITING LIST. INCREASING THE FTE WILL HELP US MEET THE COMMUNITY DEMAND. IN ADDITION TO THE DEMAND FOR THIS POPULAR PROGRAM, WE ALSO ANTICIPATE THIS EMPLOYEE DELIVERING MORE OUTREACH IN THE COMMUNITY, BOTH THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL EVENTS, AND AT THIS POINT I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

>> Comm. McKeel: THANK YOU, HI, RITA, THANK YOU. WILL YOU BE ABLE TO SERVE THESE 71 FAMILIES ON THE WAITING LIST WITH THIS INCREASE IN THE --

>> WE HOPE -- OUR GOAL IS TO CLOSE THE WAITING LIST GAP. IT MAY TAKE US A LITTLE LONGER THAN THIS, BUT THAT IS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL.

>> Comm. McKeel: I APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS SO IN TUNE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND REALLY LOOKING AT WHAT THE NEEDS ARE THERE AND STEPPING UP AND ADDRESSING THEM. THE LIBRARY DOES A STELLAR JOB AT THAT, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION. IS THIS GOING TO BE A PERMANENT POSITION OR IS IT GOING TO STAY A TEMPORARY -- THIS .25?

>> IT IS A PERMANENT POSITION. ONCE THE GRANT ENDED, WE, WE BUDGETED IN OUR POSITION, SO IT'S A PERMANENT POSITION. NOW WE'RE EXPANDING THE FTE AND INCREASING THE HOURS.

>> Comm. Smith: IT WILL BE A PERMANENT ONE, OK. THANK YOU.

>> YES. YES.

>> Chair Kafoury: ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

>> R5.

>> Chair Kafoury: I READ THIS LAST NIGHT. IT WAS FASCINATING. I DID PLAY WITH IT ON THE OREGON ONLINE LAST NIGHT, AND THE MAP, AND IT WAS REALLY GREAT.

>> IT'S A, AN EXCITING TOOL. GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. CHAIR. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS STEVE MARCH, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AUDITOR, AND WITH ME TODAY ARE TWO OF MY EXCELLENT STAFF, CRAIG HUNT, CPA, AND NICOLE DEWEES, MBA AND CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR, AND TO MY LEFT IS RANDY WALRUFF, FROM THE DIVISION OF ASSESSMENT TAXATION AND RECORDING, OR RECORDING AND TAXATION, SORRY. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT AUDIT DART, AND HE'S NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THIS REPORT. SO, TODAY, SO DO YOU WANT TO -- FLIP THE SLIDE? OK. SORRY. WE'RE GETTING DOWN TO THE PRESENT DAY SO TODAY WE PRESENT OUR REPORT, PROPERTY TAX EQUITY, LIFE AFTER 50. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT. IMAGINE FOR A MOMENT IN A LIFE, IN A STATE WHERE PROPERTY TAX EQUITY WAS THE NORM, NOT THE EXCEPTION. A MAJORITY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY HOMEOWNERS PAID FEWER PROPERTY TAXES

THAN THEY DO NOW, AND, AND WHERE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECEIVED ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF, OF REVENUE AS THEY DO TODAY. THIS REPORT IS ABOUT THAT LIFE. A HYPOTHETICAL LOOK AT THE PROPERTY TAXES IN, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WITHOUT MEASURE 50. THE SO-CALLED PROPERTY TAX REFORM MEASURE, THAT IT'S CREATED MORE INEQUITIES IN PROPERTY TAXATION THAN, THAN ANY OTHER IN THE STATE. INEQUITIES BETWEEN THE OWNERS OF THE SAME TYPE AND VALUE OF PROPERTY IN EFFECTS, INEQUITIES BETWEEN DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROPERTY AND, AND INEQUITIES IN TAXATION AFFECTS THE BOND AND THE OPERATING LEVIES HAVE, HAVE, WHEN VOTERS APPROVE THEM. THIS REPORT IS AVAILABLE IN INTERACTIVE FORM THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AND, AND IT DEMONSTRATES THE ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUSNESS OF THE EFFECTS OF MEASURE 50. SO CRAIG AND NICOLE WILL, WILL PAINT THE ELLIPTICAL PICTURE OF EQUITY AND POINT OUT THE EXISTING REALITY OF INEQUITY. I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THEM NOW.

>> GOOD MORNING CRAIG HUNT WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

>> Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

>> THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR PRESENTATION TODAY IS TO ILLUSTRATE THE MAGNITUDE OF INEQUITIES IN THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM. MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE INEQUITIES OF MEASURE 50 IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MEASURE 50 ACCOMPLISHED WHAT IT SET OUT TO DO. IT REDUCED THE PROPERTY TAXES AND MADE THEM MORE PREDICTABLE. UNFORTUNATELY, MEASURE 50 SACRIFICED EQUITY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS. IN AN EQUITABLE TAX SYSTEM, EACH PROPERTY OWNER PAYS TAXES IN PROPORTION TO THE REAL MARKET VALUE. BUT WITH MEASURE 50, PROPERTY TAXES ARE DISCONNECTED FROM PROPERTY VALUES. AS A RESULT, SOME PROPERTY OWNERS PAY DISPROPORTIONATELY MORE TAXES THAN OTHERS. WE'LL GO TO THE FIRST TAB. IF TAXES WERE BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES, LIKE VALUED PROPERTIES WOULD PAY THE SAME TAXES. IT'S LOADING RIGHT NOW. WE'RE GOING TO SHOW YOU A COUPLE OF REAL LIFE EXAMPLES THAT SHOW THAT THEY DON'T. IF YOU LOOK ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SCREEN, WE SEE PROPERTIES A AND B ARE LOCATED CLOSE TOGETHER. THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME SERVICES AND THE EXACT SAME TAXING DISTRICTS. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE WAS THE SAME VALUE OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS, THE PROPERTY B PAID ABOUT 19,000 MORE TAXES THAN PROPERTY A. ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN, WE HAVE A SIMILAR SITUATION. PROPERTY C AND D HAVE A REAL MARKET VALUE OF ABOUT \$250,000, AND ARE ALSO LOCATED CLOSE TOGETHER AND HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME SERVICES. THE REAL MARKET VALUES HAVE ALSO BEEN SIMILAR OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS. IN THIS CASE, PROPERTY C PAID ABOUT \$8700 MORE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER THAT TIME PERIOD, OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS. WE ARE SHOWING THIS EXAMPLE FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND JUST TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT WE KNOW BY EQUITY. IT IS THE SAME KIND OF

INFORMATION THAT, THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE PRESS AND, AND BY, BY VARIOUS OTHER GROUPS, EXCEPT THAT IT DOES SHOW HOW THE, THE INEQUITIES ADD UP OVER TIME.

>>> NICOLE DEWEES WILL LOOK AT, AT THE SAME CONCEPT ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEVEL.

>> THANK YOU, CRAIG. FOR THE RECORD, I AM NICOLE DEWEES FROM THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. I WILL POINT OUT THAT THIS IS A TOOL THAT WE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE TO THE PUBLIC TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW THEY ARE IMPACTED BY THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM. WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING AT IS AN INTERACTIVE CHART THAT SHOWS HOW NEIGHBORHOODS PAY PROPERTY TAXES GIVEN THEIR MARKET VALUE. IT IS SHOWING YOU HOMES WORTH BETWEEN 200 AND UNDER 250,000. SEE OVER THE POINTS ON THE GRAPH, IN THE BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY PAY TAXES A LITTLE OVER \$1,000 A YEAR, AND TO SCROLL OVER, YOU WILL SEE LENTS, WITH THE HOMES, EXACTLY THE SAME AMOUNT, PAYING 3.5 TIMES THE PROPERTY TAXES. YOU CAN SELECT PRICE POINTS TO FIND OUT HOW IT WORKS AT DIFFERENT LEVELS, SO I WILL GO UP TO THE NEXT RANGE, 250 TO UNDER 300,000 AND, AND YOU SEE A SIMILAR PATTERN WITH THOSE IN THE BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD HAVING A MEDIAN PROPERTY TAX OF 1400 A YEAR. LENTS, YET AGAIN, WITH HIGHER PROPERTY TAX AT OVER \$4,400 A YEAR. WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT BACK TO CRAIG.

>> WHY DO PROPERTY OWNERS PAY DIFFERENT TAXES WHEN THE PROPERTIES ARE WORTH THE SAME AMOUNT? ONE REASON IS THAT MEASURE 50 PLACES A LIMIT ON INCREASES TO PROPERTY'S VALUE THAT IS TAXED TO 3% EACH YEAR, EVEN IF THE PROPERTY'S REAL MARKET VALUE IS GROWING FASTER THAN 3%. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE NEIGHBORHOOD'S PROPERTY'S VALUES COULD GROW AT 3% PER YEAR, AND WHILE ANOTHER GROWS AT 7%. GROWTH IN VALUE BETWEEN PROPERTIES OR NEIGHBORHOODS IS NOT UNIFORM. OVER TIME, THIS LEADS TO WIDE DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN PROPERTY'S REAL MARKET VALUE AND THE VALUE THAT IT IS SUBJECT TO TAX. THE OTHER REASON WHEN MEASURE 50 WAS ENACTED, IT LOST INEQUITIES IN PLACE BY USING 1995, 19896 APPRAISED MARKET VALUES AS A STARTING POINT. SINCE THE APPRAISALS WERE DONE ON A SIX-YEAR CYCLE, THE MORE RECENT APPRAISALS COULD BE MORE ACCURATE THAN OLDER, THAN THE OLDER APPRAISALS. WITH THAT AS A BACKGROUND, WE ARE GOING TO SWITCH TO A MUCH BIGGER PICTURE AT THIS POINT. TO ILLUSTRATE THE MAGNITUDE OF INEQUITIES IN THE COUNTY, THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE DEVELOPED A TAX NEUTRAL PROPERTY MODEL THAT LOOKS AT EQUITY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ALL THE RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL, AND FAMILY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES. TAX NEUTRAL IS A REAL IMPORTANT CONCEPT WITH THIS MODEL. IT MEANS THAT EACH TAXING DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY, SUCH AS THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THE CITY OF GRESHAM AND OTHER CITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COMMUNITY

COLLEGES, METRO, ETC., ALL OF THE TAXING DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY RECEIVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES AS THEY DID IN TAX YEAR 2013-2014. IT RECALCULATES TAXES BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES FOR EVERY PROPERTY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND COMPARES THEM TO THEIR 2013-2014 TAXES. ONE LAST NOTE, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MODEL IS HYPOTHETICAL AND IS NOT MEANT TO BE A NEW TAX SYSTEM. IT ILLUSTRATES THE IMPACT OF EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTING PROPERTY TAXES IN 2013-2014. WITH THAT, I WILL GIVE IT TO NICOLE.

>> THANKS, CRAIG. I WILL GO BACK TO THE INTERACTIVE TOOL. WE CREATED A HYPOTHETICAL SYSTEM. SO IT WAS A HYPOTHETICAL MODEL AND NOT A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW TAX SYSTEM. IN THIS HYPOTHETICAL MODEL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DETERMINED IS THE DIFFERENT PROPERTY TYPES ARE IMPACTED DIFFERENTLY BY THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM. IF WE SWITCHED TO A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES, PROPERTIES HERE, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, WOULD OFTEN PAY LESS AND COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY WOULD OFTEN PAY MORE. AND BEFORE I DIG DEEPER INTO THE CHARTS, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE SCALES ARE DIFFERENT. SO, IN THE RESIDENTIAL GRAPH, IT GOES UP TO 100,000, AND INDUSTRIAL, THERE IS JUST A FEW HUNDRED PROPERTIES, AND IN COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY, THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND. I POINT OUT THE SCALE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE THE BULK OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROPERTY TAXES IS, IS, BY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, PAYING OVER 60% OF PROPERTY TAXES. WE USE DIFFERENT SCALES BECAUSE IF WE USE THE SAME ONE, PROPERTY TYPES WOULD NOT EVEN SHOW UP. SO I WANTED TO POINT THAT OUT BEFORE WE DIG DEEPER. SO, WITH RESIDENTIAL, ONE OF THE THINGS YOU WILL NOTICE ARE THE TWO BARS ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE. THE GREEN COLOR INDICATES THAT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES WOULD GO DOWN, IF WE HAD A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES. SO, IF YOU HOVER OVER THE GRAPH, YOU WILL GET MORE INFORMATION, SO ON THE DARK GREEN BAR HERE, YOU CAN SEE 66,000 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS, PROPERTY TAXES WOULD GO DOWN BY 15%. IF WE SWITCH TO A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUE, THE LIGHT GREEN INDICATES PROPERTY TAXES WOULD GO DOWN BETWEEN FIVE AND 15%. THAT IS ALMOST 87,000 CUSTOMERS. IF YOU COMBINE THESE TWO, IT'S OVER 150,000 RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS. PROPERTY TAXES WOULD DECREASE. AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES HAVE A SIMILAR PATTERN WITH MOST INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES GOING DOWN. IF WE SWITCH TO A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES. SO, WHAT I WILL POINT OUT IS THAT IF THESE TWO PROPERTY TYPES WOULD BENEFIT FROM A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUE, IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM, THEY ARE PAYING PROPORTIONATELY MORE. I WILL CONTRAST THAT WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES. IN A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES, MOST COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD PAY MORE. OVER 11,000 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, PROPERTY TAXES WOULD GO UP MORE THAN 15%. THE SAME WITH MULTI-

FAMILY, ALMOST 1500 MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTY OWNERS, PROPERTY TAXES WOULD GO UP. ALTHOUGH, THERE IS A, A LARGER PORTION OF GREEN HERE THAN COMMERCIAL. THE FLIP SIDE OF THAT MEANS THAT IF THEY WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES, THAT MEANS IN TODAY'S CURRENT SYSTEM, THEY ARE PAYING PROPORTIONATELY MUCH LESS. NEXT I WILL POINTED OUT HOW THESE DIFFERENCES PLAY OUT ON A GEOGRAPHIC LEVEL. WE HAVE TWO MAPS HERE. THE TOP ONE SHOWING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, AND AS YOU SEE HERE, A LOT OF THEM, THE MAP IS GREEN, SO THE SAME AS THE GRAPH WE SAW ON THE PAGE BEFORE. WITH COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, YOU SEE A LOT OF RED, WHICH ALSO MIRRORS THE GRAPHS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE. SO, THESE ARE INTERACTIVE, AND THEY OPEN UP THIS MAP HERE. I WILL ZOOM OUT A BIT SO YOU CAN SEE THE WHOLE COUNTY. THE RESIDENTIAL RIGHT NOW IS SELECTED, YOU WILL SEE THAT THERE IS A LOT OF, A LOT OF GREEN. BUT, I WILL POINT OUT, THAT, THAT KIND OF THE STORY MIRRORS WHAT I SAW -- WE SAW BEFORE. SO, I SHOWED YOU EARLIER THAT, IN THE BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD, THEIR TAXES ARE MUCH LOWER FOR A GIVEN PROPERTY VALUE. IF I CLICK HERE, THIS IS THE BOISE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND WE SEE ON AVERAGE, THE NEIGHBORHOOD WOULD EXPERIENCE PROPERTY TAX INCREASES OF MORE THAN 15%. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE LOW RIGHT NOW. IN CONTRAST, WE LOOKED ADOLESCENTS, AND SO, ON AVERAGE, THE PROPERTY TAXES IN LENTS WOULD GO DOWN BETWEEN 5% AND 15% BECAUSE THEY ARE HIGH. YOU CAN CLICK ON THE MAP AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOODS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WILL POINT OUT, AS THE FEES ARE NEIGHBORHOOD AVERAGES, SO WITHIN EACH THERE IS DIVERSITY, AND BECAUSE YOU ARE IN A RED NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOUR HOUSE WOULD GO UP BECAUSE YOU ARE IN A GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T MEAN YOURS WOULD GO DOWN. THERE IS, THERE IS A LOT OF DIVERSITY WITHIN EACH. THERE ARE LAYERS, BUT I WILL JUST SHOW THE COMMERCIAL, SO A BIG, A BIG DIFFERENCE THERE, A LOT OF RED AND, AND ORANGE, SO A LOT OF INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAXES WITH A FEW POCKETS OF YELLOW, WHICH INDICATES A CHANGE OF PLUS OR MINUS 5%, SO NOT, NOT AS BIG OF A CHANGE. NOW, WE'LL GO BACK TO, TO OUR INTERACTIVE REPORT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WILL FOCUS ON NEXT ARE THE IMPACTS ON LOW INCOME AREAS. THE MAPS THAT YOU SEE BELOW IS COLOR CODED, SO A LIGHTER BLUE INDICATES POORER NEIGHBORHOODS, AND A DARKER BLUE INDICATES WEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOODS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE LOOKED AT IS WE LOOKED AT THE FIVE ZIP CODES WITH THE LOWEST INCOME, AND YOU WILL SEE THIS IN THE TEXT ABOVE, AND THE FIVE ZIP CODES AT THE LOWEST INCOME, PROPERTY TAXES WOULD DECREASE FOR 93% OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IF WE SWITCH TO A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES. IN CONTRAST, IN THE FIVE ZIP CODES WITH THE HIGHEST INCOME, PROPERTY TAXES WOULD DECREASE FOR 73% OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. MOTORESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD BENEFIT, BUT IT WOULD BE MORE SIGNIFICANT IN LOW INCOME AREAS. THIS MAP IS INTERACTIVE. I WILL CLICK ON THIS ZIP CODE,

97233. THIS INCLUDES THE ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD, AND IS A LOWER INCOME AREA. YOU CAN SEE THE GRAPH HAS CHANGED. IT SHOWS THAT MOST RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS ARE IN THE DARK GREEN OR THE LIGHT GREEN CATEGORIES INDICATING THAT THEIR TAXES WOULD DECREASE, IN A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES. THEY ARE PAYING PROPORTIONATELY MORE IN THE CURRENT SYSTEM. I WILL CONTRAST THIS BY CLICKING ON, ON 97212, WHICH INCLUDES THE IRVINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD. SO, IT'S A WEALTHIER NEIGHBORHOOD, AND YOU SEE IT SKEWS TOWARDS THE RED WITH MORE PEOPLE'S PROPERTY TAXES INCREASING. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WILL POINT OUT IS THAT THERE ARE LIMITATIONS TO THIS. NOT EVERYONE IN A LOW INCOME AREA IS POOR AND NOT EVERYONE IN A HIGH INCOME AREA IS WEALTHY. THERE IS ECONOMIC DIVERSITY. BUT, WE DID WANT TO POINT OUT THAT IT WAS A MARKED DIFFERENCE, A 20, 20 PERCENTAGE POINTS BETWEEN LOW AND HIGH INCOME CODES IN TERMS OF THE BENEFITS. SO, THE LAST FEATURE I WILL SHOW YOU TODAY OF OUR INTERACTIVE TOOL, ALLOWS TAXPAYERS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES. THERE WOULD BE WINNERS AND LOSERS TO ANY, ANY CHANGE TO THE TAX SYSTEM, AND WE WANT TO EMPOWER PROPERTY TAX OWNERS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY ARE IMPACTED. SO, RIGHT NOW, IT SHOWS YOU THE OVERALL RESIDENTIAL SYSTEM, BUT YOU CAN DIG DEEPER, AND I WILL SHOW YOU A FEW DIFFERENT AREAS, SO 97030, 030. IT IS CENTRAL GRESHAM AREA. YOU SEE THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THAT, OR THAT PARTICULAR ZIP CODE, THE PROPERTY TAXES WOULD, WOULD DECREASE. I CAN NARROW IT FURTHER.

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE A QUESTION, SO THE DARK GREEN, YOU SAY THOSE WERE FOR MORE AFFLUENT NEIGHBORHOODS BUT THE TAXES WILL DECREASE?

>> SO DARK GREEN INDICATES THE PROPERTY TAXES WOULD DECREASE, AND THE GRAPH, ON THIS GRAPH, SO IN THIS PARTICULAR ONE I SELECTED GRESHAM AS AN EXAMPLE, AND IT SHOWS THAT WITHIN THIS ZIP CODE, IF I HOVER OVER IT, OVER 7500 PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXES WOULD DECREASE MORE THAN 15%.

>> Comm. Smith: ON THE PREVIOUS SLIDE, YOU SHOWED THE DARKER GREEN WERE FROM MORE AFFLUENT AREAS, IS THAT ACROSS THE BOARD?

>> SO IN THE MAP IT'S THE DARKER BLUE OR MORE AFFLUENT. AND YOU CAN CLICK ON THESE AREAS AND SEE -- THERE IS DIFFERENT PATTERNS AND ZIP CODES, BUT, THERE IS JUST A, A GENERAL TENDENCY FOR POORER ZIP CODES TO SEE GREATER BENEFITS FROM A SYSTEM BASED ON REAL MARKET VALUES. LET'S SEE, SO I WILL GO BACK TO THIS ONE. GIVE IT A WHIRL AGAIN. AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, MY MOUSE IS NOT -- BUT ESSENTIALLY, YOU CAN SELECT A STREET THERE, AND FIND OUT A BIT MORE ABOUT HOW YOUR, YOU ARE IMPACTED. AND YOU CAN DECIDE FOR

YOURSELVES. ANOTHER, TO BE FAIR, I WILL CONTRAST THAT WITH, WITH -- I WILL REFRESH THE PAGE AND SEE IF WE CAN GET BACK TO WHERE -- I WILL CONTRAST THAT WITH A DIFFERENT ZIP CODE, THIS IS IN INNER NORTHEAST PORTLAND. WE SEE HERE THAT IN CONTRAST TO GRESHAM, MOST PEOPLE'S TAXES WOULD GO UP HERE, SO, THE VOTERS CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT 9, THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM. WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT BACK TO STEVE.

>> THANK YOU. SO, AS WE DEMONSTRATED, MEASURE 50, ESSENTIALLY, SACRIFICED EQUITY IN ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11, SUBSECTION 18 BY, BY STATING TWO PARTS, THE OREGON CONSTITUTION REQUIRING UNIFORMITY OF TAXATION DO NOT APPLY. SO, AND SLIDE 7, WE HAVE -- THIS IS THE ONE, ONE OF THE SECTIONS THAT, THAT MEASURE 50 THREW OUT, TALKED ABOUT UNIFORMITY, AND SAME CLASS, SUBJECTS WITHIN A TERRITORIAL LIMIT, OF THE LEVYING AUTHORITY, AND IN, IN THE SLIDE 8, IT ALSO TALKS ABOUT, ABOUT THE UNIFORMITY, ALL TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED UNIFORMLY. THAT IS NOT THE CASE TODAY, AND THAT'S, THAT'S MEASURE 50 HAD TO, HAD TO THROW OUT UNIFORMITY IN, IN ORDER TO, TO BE ADOPTED. SO, BECAUSE MEASURE 50 HAS BEEN ENSHRINED IN THE CONSTITUTION, THE, THE -- ONLY THE PEOPLE CAN FIX IT. ALTHOUGH THE COURT COULD THROW OUT THE, THE SUBSECTION THAT, THAT -- COULD YOU FORWARD -- OK. SO, ONLY THE PEOPLE CAN FIX IT, AND SO, THERE ARE NO RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNTY STAFF. AND I WOULD LOVE TO SAY RANDY, WOULD YOU FIX THIS, BUT, AND HE WOULD PROBABLY LOVE TO FIX IT. BUT, HE CANNOT DO THAT UNTIL, UNTIL THAT SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED. AND, AND SO, NO STAFF CAN MAKE ANY CHANGES, BUT I AM -- HOWEVER, THIS BOARD COULD ADD IT TO THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND, AND I WOULD, I WOULD -- I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE VOTERS TO, TO FIX THE INEQUITIES IN MEASURE 50, AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO SO. I AM HAPPY TO ASSIST IN THAT EFFORT. THANK YOU. WE WOULD TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

>> Comm. Smith: UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE JUST THE TAX COLLECTOR HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND THAT CHANGE WOULD HAVE TO BE CHANGED BY THE VOTERS OR THE LEGISLATURE, SO, YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD ASK, ARE YOU ASKING US DIRECTLY TO PUT THIS IN OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA?

>> I WOULD ASK YOU TO DO THAT, YES.

>> Comm. Smith: OK. NOT SAYING WE'RE GOING TO DO IT, BUT OK.

>> ABSOLUTELY. AND I -- THAT'S WHY IT'S AN ASK. JUST AS I APPROACH YOU ABOUT AREAS THAT SHOULD BE AUDITED, I PUT THEM ON MY POTENTIAL LIST, AND SOMETIMES, THEY GET, I GET TO THEM. BUT, IN THIS CASE, I THINK

THAT THE PROPERTY TAX EQUITY AND, IN FAIRNESS IS, IS A, A CRITICAL ISSUE.

>> Comm. Smith: THIS IS SUCH GOOD INFORMATION. CAN I TELL YOU THAT, THAT THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DID AS WE WENT THROUGH IT IS INCREDIBLE THAT, THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO COME UP WITH INEQUITIES, YOU KNOW, THROUGHOUT OUR ZIP CODES AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE, YOU KNOW, INFORMATION WORTH TAKING A LOOK AT BY THE LEGISLATURE AND, AND, YOU KNOW, IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, THIS IS REAL. THERE IS SO MANY INEQUITIES THROUGHOUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND WE PROBABLY NEED TO FIX IT.

>> THANK YOU. ACTUALLY, IT'S THANKS TO MY STAFF HERE THAT, THAT ARE GREAT WITH DATA. WE LOOKED THAT OVER 500,000 ACCOUNTS OVER, OVER THREE DIFFERENT YEARS.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER BAILEY.

>> Comm. Bailey: THANK YOU. THERE IS A LOT TO UNPACK IN THIS REPORT, AND REALLY, THANK YOU FOR THE WORK YOU PUT INTO THIS AND THE INFORMATION YOU ARE BRINGING FORWARD. I AM SURE THAT YOU KNOW THAT THIS CONVERSATION REALLY BEGAN IN THE LEGISLATURE LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION, LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES, AMONG OTHERS, AND CAME FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSALS ON MODIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM, AND THOSE DIDN'T ADVANCE IN THE LEGISLATURE, BUT PART OF THE ISSUE HAS BEEN A LACK OF, OF DATA AND A LACK OF, OF SUBSTANTIAL INFORMATION. THIS ADDS TO THE CONVERSATION. I WOULD BE CURIOUS IN, IN YOUR, YOUR ANALYSIS, SINCE IS YOU FOCUSED ON ESSENTIALLY THE INEQUITIES BETWEEN REAL MARKET VALUE AND ASSESSED VALUE, UNDER MEASURE 50, DID YOU ANALYZE ANY SCENARIOS IN WHICH THERE MIGHT BE A, A, A -- PERHAPS A HYBRID SCENARIO WHERE YOU MIGHT HAVE SAY ASSESSED VALUE, RESET TO THE REAL MARKET VALUE AT THE TIME OF SALE? HOW THAT WOULD AFFECT THE SYSTEM OVER TIME?

>> WE DID NOT LOOK AT FIXES SO MUCH AS, AS LOOKING AT, AT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU REMOVED THE INEQUITY OF, OF MEASURE 50, AND BASED IT SOLELY ON, ON REAL MARKET VALUE. WE RECOGNIZE FROM, FROM THE -- YOU CAN SEE THE AMOUNT OF, OF INEQUITIES AND, AND CHANGES THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THAT WAS TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. SO, IF, IF YOU -- ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION IS, IS, IS ON THE NEXT SLIDE, AND I TALK ABOUT, ABOUT -- SO, WE PUT BACK THOSE SECTIONS INTO THE, THE CONSTITUTION, AND BUT, ALLOW A TEN-YEAR PHASEIN. THAT WAS THE ONLY CONCEPTUAL SOLUTION, AND I HAVEN'T WORKED ON HOW THAT WOULD DO. I UNDERSTAND THE, THE RESET CONCEPT, WHICH CALIFORNIA DOES UNDER PROPOSITION 13 WHERE THERE IS A RESET OF THE VALUE ON SALE. SO, THERE IS A MULTITUDE OF SOLUTIONS. I THINK THAT THE FIRST STEP IS

GETTING RID OF THE INEQUITY, AND TO HELP THE LEGISLATURE COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTIONS BASED ON THE KIND OF DATA THAT WE PRESENTED.

>> DID YOU LOOK AT ALL, AT ALL IN YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE INEQUITY IN THIS SYSTEM AT THE INEQUITIES THAT, THAT, THAT -- MY UNDERSTANDING IS, ARE EXACERBATED THROUGH LOCAL OPTION LEVIES AND PROPERTIES THAT PAY VARYING AMOUNTS INTO A LOCAL OPTION LEVY? IS THAT INCLUDED AT ALL?

>> SO, WE INCLUDED THE, THE LEVY INFORMATION IN THIS MODEL. ONCE WE, WE GOT, GOT RID OF THE ARTIFICIAL ASSESSED EVALUATION, WE, ACTUALLY, HAVE LOWER RATES, SO THERE IS VERY LITTLE COMPRESSION OR, OR, OR PUSHING THE TAX OVER TO SOMEBODY ELSE BECAUSE YOU ARE ALREADY MAXED OUT ON YOUR PROPERTY. IT'S REALLY -- THE MODEL THAT WE DEVELOPED, IN ESSENCE, COMES OUT AS A LEVY-BASED SYSTEM TO WHERE THIS IS THE AMOUNT YOU ARE GOING TO NEED. ALL THE TAXING DISTRICTS GOT THE SAME AMOUNT THAT THEY HAD, THEY HAVE NOW. AND BUT, WITHOUT THE COMPRESSION PROBLEM.

>> Comm. Bailey: IF I MIGHT CLARIFY THEN, DO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO SAY THAT, THAT, THAT UNDER THIS TYPE OF SYSTEM, IF VOTERS WERE TO VOTE AND IMPLEMENT A, A LOCAL OPTION LEVY, THAT THEY WOULD, ESSENTIALLY, BE GETTING WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR, AND THAT PEOPLE WOULD SHARE EQUALLY IN THE COST OF THAT?

>> THAT'S CORRECT.

>> Comm. Bailey: THANK YOU.

>> AND MAYBE THE ASSESSOR MIGHT HAVE MORE INFORMATION IN THAT REGARD.

>> GOOD MORNING, RANDY WALRUFF, COUNTY ASSESSOR. IT'S COMPLEX, AS STEVE JUST DEMONSTRATED TO YOU. SO, THE QUESTIONS COULD TAKE A MONUMENTAL TIME TO DISCUSS, AND I WOULD BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THEM WITH YOU AT ANY TIME. THE QUESTION AROUND LOCAL OPTION LEVIES, IT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY IF WE WENT BACK TO THE SYSTEM, LOCAL OPTION LEVIES. THEY WERE INVENTED TO FILL THE GAPS OFF OF MARKET VALUE AND MEASURE 50. I WILL ONLY ADD WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE LEVIES, HIS MAP ILLUSTRATES IF THE MEASURES WERE PASSED TO SAY LOCAL OPTION LEVIES, WOULD IT NOT BE SUBJECT TO COMPRESSION, WE WOULD BE TAXING ROCKWOOD AND LENTS EVEN MORE. THE PEOPLE THAT ARE RECEIVING NO RELIEF UNDER MEASURE 50, THAT'S WHERE THE DISCUSSION GOES AND THAT'S WHY IT FRUSTRATES ME SO MUCH TO HEAR THAT, THAT WE WANT TO TAX PEOPLE MORE THAT ARE RECEIVING NO, RECEIVING NO RELIEF AND THAT'S WHAT THE TOOL WILL SHOW AND DEMONSTRATE. THE OTHER EXAMPLE WITH THIS IS, IS THAT SINCE YOU

ASKED ABOUT RESET OF SALE, ASSESSORS ARE AGAINST IT BECAUSE THEY WILL PRIMARILY FALL TO THE ASSESSOR TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, AND THOSE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LOT OF APPEAL, AND PRIMARILY, THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, WHAT TURNS OVER MORE OFTEN, IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, YOU HAVE SEEN, IS, IS, HAS RECEIVED THE BENEFIT UNDER MEASURE 50, AND THOSE ARE THE PROPERTIES THAT, THAT HAVE WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT, THAT, THAT THEY DON'T RESET AT SALE. THAT'S AN EDITORIAL. AND THE LAST THING THAT ILLUSTRATES ON, ON MEASURE 50, IS THE SUPREME COURT RULED ON COMCAST, AND AS YOU MAY KNOW WE ARE HOLDING \$30 MILLION IN DEFERRED BILLING CREDIT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN 2008 DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD BE CENTRALLY ASSESSED BASED ON THE BUSINESS. THE SUPREME COURT AFFIRMED IT BUT REMANDED IT BACK TO TAX COURT TO ANSWER THE MEASURE 50 QUESTION. SO, WE ARE SITTING AND WAITING AND WE WILL WAIT AND WAIT BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME, AND YET, WE WILL ISSUE ANOTHER DEFERRED BILLING CREDIT THIS FALL SO THAT WE WILL NOT BE ACCRUING THE INTEREST. THE ARGUMENT WAS OK, EVEN IF WE ARE CENTRALLY ASSESSED, YOU CANNOT RAISE THE MAXIMUM VALUE MORE THAN 3%. SO, THE TAXES WOULD BE ABOUT TRIPLE IN THIS COUNTY IF IT WAS NOT FOR MEASURE 50.

>> Chair Kafoury: INTERESTING, THANK YOU. QUESTIONS?

>> Comm. McKeel: THANK YOU. I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, BUT THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THIS IS FASCINATING INFORMATION. IT IS EASILY UNDERSTANDABLE, AND THAT'S THE IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS. WE CAN ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT HERE, SO THANK YOU.

>> Comm. Shiprack: I WANT TO PIGGY-BACK ON THAT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TELLING THIS STORY IN SUCH A CLEAR WAY WHILE USING THE DATA, IT SEEMS VERY OFTEN CLARITY ARRIVES WITHOUT EVIDENCE OR YOU GO LOTS OF EVIDENCE AND NO CLARITY. SO, THANK YOU TO FINDING THAT BALANCE POINT. I DO FEEL THAT THERE IS THIS OTHER DISCUSSION THAT'S RAISED BY YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF BALLOT MEASURE 50 BECAUSE IN THE DISTRICT THAT I REPRESENT, MAINLY REPRESENTED IN YOUR MAP, BY, BY DARK GREEN OR, OR AT LEAST LIGHT GREEN AND, AND IS, ALSO, AS OUR TAX ASSESSOR, JUST KIND OF POINTED OUT, THE NEED FOR ANOTHER NARRATIVE, WHICH IS THAT, THAT THOSE ARE THE AREAS WHERE, WHERE, WHERE SERVICES NEED TO BE RELOCATED BECAUSE POVERTY IS, IS, IS, IS MOST DENSE AND, AND, AND GROWING. SO, NOT ONLY IS THE UNFAIRNESS REFLECTED BY THE TAX THAT'S ASSESSED ON THOSE PEOPLE LIVING IN RELATIVE POVERTY IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO, THE IMPACT SINCE WE ARE NOT ONLY THE TAX COLLECTOR, BUT AS A GOVERNMENT, THAT IS OUR SOLE SOURCE TAX, NOT JUST THIS TAX, BUT TAXATION IS OUR SOURCE OF FUNDING THE PROGRAMS THAT, THAT WE IMPLEMENT, SO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS DISCUSSION IS, IS A DISCUSSION OF OUR, OUR STRUCTURAL

DEFICIT, WHICH IS THE RESULT OF, OF BALLOT MEASURE 50'S PARTNER, I BELIEVE, YOU COULD CLARIFY THIS, IS BALLOT MEASURE 5.

>> USING THE METHOD THAT WE USED, THE BALLOT MEASURE 5 REALLY DOESN'T KICK IN BECAUSE, BECAUSE WE, WE -- THE LEVY RATES THAT WE RECALCULATED TO MAKE THIS HYPOTHETICAL MODEL SOLELY ON, ON REAL MARKET VALUE, KEPT, KEPT THE RATES BELOW THE 10 AND, AND THE FIVE, SO BELOW \$15, SO THERE WOULD BE ROOM TO GROW, EVEN UNDER MEASURE 5. IF WE RESORTED TO THIS. IT'S NOT A, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT -- OBVIOUSLY, THERE WILL BE A LOT BETWEEN, BETWEEN THIS, THIS CONCEPT AND WHAT COMES OUT OF THE, OF THE WORKS IN SALEM.

>> Comm. Shiprack: CAN I ASK ANOTHER QUESTION? EQUITY AND FAIRNESS ARE RELATIVE. SO, IF MY NEIGHBOR IN THE HOUSE THAT IS OF THE SAME, SAME REAL MARKET VALUE, AS MINE, AS BEING NEIGHBORS, IS PAYING \$5,000 A YEAR IN PROPERTY TAX, AND I AM PAYING \$2,000 A YEAR IN PROPERTY TAX, AND EQUITY SUGGESTS THAT, THAT MINE GO UP AND HIS COME DOWN, HE'S GOING TO SEE THAT AS MORE FAIR AND EQUITABLE THAN I AM.

>> THAT'S CORRECT, THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE FEEL ANY SOLUTION SHOULD BE PHASED IN OVER TIME SO THAT IT'S NOT A HUGE SHOCK TO, TO TAXPAYERS AND, AND THE SYSTEM.

>> Comm. Shiprack: THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> Comm. Smith: THANK YOU. I DON'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY GET ANY, ANY ARGUMENT FROM ANYONE FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUT IF THIS GOES TO A STATE LEVEL, ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS I WOULD HAVE FOR YOU ALL IS THAT YOU TALK TO THE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO SEE HOW THAT WOULD IMPACT -- I KNOW HOW IT WILL IMPACT HERE IN PORTLAND, BUT YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONVINCING A WHOLE OTHER GROUP OF FOLKS THAT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S JUST NOT MULTNOMAH COUNTY-CENTERED. IT HAS SOME SORT OF IMPACT ACROSS THE STATE. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR DISTRICT 8 MEETING AT THE END OF THE MONTH, CAN PUT YOU ON THE AGENDA AND THROW IT OUT THERE WITH THE TRICOUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN THIS AREA AND THAT WILL PROBABLY BE A GOOD TESTING GROUND FOR YOU TO SEE IS THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE THE STOMACH FOR.

>> WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THAT WAS A GREAT

SUGGESTION, COMMISSIONER SMITH, BECAUSE I AM NOT GOING TO HOLD MY BREATH WAITING FOR THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS THIS OFF TO THE VOTERS OF OREGON, BUT I DO THINK THAT AS COMMISSIONER BAILEY SAID, IT ADDRESSES SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT WE HAVE HEARD THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH DATA, WELL, NOW WE HAVE DATA TO SHOW THAT THERE ARE TRUE INEQUITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU AGAIN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> R6.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R6. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME.

>> GOOD MORNING. I AM LEE FLEMING, AND I AM THE SUPPLIER DIVERSITY OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY, AND GLAD TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. AND WE HAVE WITH US MISS KIMBERLY MITCHELL-PHILLIPS, WHO IS THE -- WE'LL GET - - ALMOST GAVE HER MY TITLE. SHE'S THE CHAIR OF BUSINESS DIVERSITY INSTITUTE WHO WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2 THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2014, AS MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SINCE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION IN 1983, U.S. PRESIDENTS HAVE PROCLAIMED A NATIONAL WEEK OBSERVANCE TO RECOGNIZE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL ECONOMIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND METROPOLITAN AREAS THROUGHOUT THE NATION, PLANNING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR MINORITY BUSINESSES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK. LOCALLY, THE BUSINESS DIVERSITY INSTITUTE OR BDI WILL BE HOLDING TRAINING WORKS SHOPS IN OCTOBER, RATHER, ON OCTOBER 7, AND AN AWARDS LUNCHEON ON OCTOBER 9, 2014. I WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION AND THEN I WILL INTRODUCE KIMBERLY TO YOU. PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2014, THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2014, AS MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK, IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S GROWTH AND PROSPERITY DEPENDS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL RESIDENTS AT EVERY LEVEL OF OUR ECONOMY. EACH YEAR, MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS RETURN VALUABLE RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF TAXES, WAGES, AND EMPLOYMENT, FOR THOUSANDS OF WORKERS. THE MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS ARE AN INDISPENSABLE FORCE IN OUR ECONOMY. MORE MINORITIES OWN BUSINESSES THAN EVER BEFORE, PROVIDING

INNOVATIONS, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES ACROSS MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SMALL BUSINESSES ACCOUNT FOR 95% OF ALL BUSINESSES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MANY OF WHOM ARE MINORITY OWNED. MINORITY ENTREPRENEURS SERVE AS LEADERS, MENTORS, AND TEACHERS, AND MODELS FOR OUR YOUTH WHO ARE A BUSINESS AND CIVIC LEADERS OF TOMORROW. RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT, THAT MINORITY ENTERPRISES MAKE TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC, WE WILL CONTINUE TO REMOVE ANY BARRIERS THAT PREVENT TALENTED MEN AND I AM WERE OF EVERY RACIAL AND ETHNIC BACKGROUND FROM PARTICIPATING FULLY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ECONOMY. MULTNOMAH COUNTY CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MINORITY BUSINESS OWNERS. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO PAY THEM TRIBUTE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2, 2014, THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 2014, AS MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, TO THANK ALL OUR MINORITY BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COUNTY AND TO SHOW OUR CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE PROMOTION OF THE MINORITY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE KIMBERLY MITCHELL-PHILLIPS TO YOU. SHE'S A SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE PORT OF PORTLAND. IN THIS CAPACITY, SHE MANAGES THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR DBE PROGRAM, AIRPORT CONCESSIONS DBE PROGRAM, AND [INAUDIBLE] PROGRAM, AND MINORITY WOMEN AND EMERGING SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM, AND THE WORKFORCE PROGRAM. PRIOR TO JOINING THE PORT OF PORTLAND, SHE SERVED AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS EQUITY FOR JOHN KITZABER'S OFFICE WHERE SHE SERVED ON A POLICY LEVEL WITH 171 STATE AGENCIES IMPACTING BUSINESS EQUITY IN STATE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES. SHE CURRENTLY SERVES ON SEVERAL COMMUNITY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES RELATED TO SMALL BUSINESSES TO INCLUDE THE BUSINESS DIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF WHICH SHE'S SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2009 AND IS THE CURRENT CHAIR SINCE 2012. MISS KIMBERLY MITCHELL-PHILLIPS.

>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND MUST HAVE FOR HAVING US THIS MORNING. KIMBERLY MITCHELL-PHILLIPS, AND I MANAGE A LOT OF PROGRAMS IF HE PORT. -- I MANAGE A LOT OF PROGRAMS AT THE PORT. I AM HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS DIVERSITY INSTITUTE, WHICH HAS BEEN A NONPROFIT HERE IN THE METRO AREA FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THE MISSION OF BDI IS TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH AND SUCCESS OF MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING, OUTREACH, TOOLS, AND RESOURCES, AND PROMOTING COLLABORATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN THESE EFFORTS. OUR MEMBERS ARE VERY DIVERSE. WE HAVE PUBLIC AGENCIES WHO ARE MEMBERS, AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, AND BOTH LARGE CORPORATE ONES AND SMALL

BUSINESSES, AND WE ALL COME TOGETHER TO FIND WAYS TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO SMALL BUSINESSES WITHIN THE REGION. SOME OF OUR INITIATIVES WITH BDI, WE HAVE AN ONLINE TRAINING CALENDAR, A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WHICH TALKS ABOUT SMALL BUSINESS HAPPENINGS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE BREAKFAST EVENTS EVERY OTHER MONTH, WHERE WE HAVE FOLKS COME IN AND, AND TRAIN SMALL BUSINESSES ON TOPICS FROM BONDING TO MARKETING AND BRANDING. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE NEED IS AT THE MONTH. WE HAVE A, AN ANNUAL CONFERENCE CALLED THE LEADERSHIP RECHARGE FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS. WE HAVE A DIVERSITY PRACTITIONER SUMMIT WHERE WE CAN STRENGTHEN THE TOOLS OF INTERNAL FOLKS LIKE LEE AND MYSELF. OF COURSE, MED WEEK, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT TODAY, IT IS A NATIONAL CELEBRATION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMY, BUT LOCALLY, BDI HAS, HAS HOSTED MED WEEK HERE IN THE METRO REGION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES HAVE TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. AND, AND WE CELEBRATE WITH, WITH TRAININGS, EDUCATION, A LUNCHEON AND AN AWARDS' CELEBRATION. I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE AWARDS' LUNCHEON, SO YOU WILL BE HEARING AN INVITATION FOR ME. WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU THERE. IT'S A LOT OF FUN. THAT'S, THAT'S -- AM I OUT OF TIME? I AM AFRAID OF THE RED BUZZER. THAT'S, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING, AND I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU PROCLAIM THIS WEEK, MED WEEK.

>> Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY A PARTNER IN BDI?

>> YES, THEY ARE.

>> OK. GREAT. AND WE INVITE YOU NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS, COMMISSIONER, I SERVE AS ONE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

>> Comm. Smith: GREAT. GREAT.

>> Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS?

>> Comm. McKeel: ALL OF YOUR EVENTS ARE UP ON THE WEBSITE? IS THAT CORRECT?

>> YES, BDIWEB.ORG.

>> GOOD.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY AND THANK YOU, LEE, FOR THE GREAT WORK YOU ARE DOING AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN FRONT OF THE BOARD?

>> YES, IT IS. YOU DID A BANG-UP JOB. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANKS SO MUCH.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES AND COMMISSIONER McKEEL SECONDS R7.

>> GOOD MORNING, AND CHAIR KAFOURY AND, AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM LEE GIRARD WITH THE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION AND, AND I AM HERE TO, TO ASK YOUR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THESE GRANT FUNDS. YOU PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A BRIEFING AROUND HEALTH CARE TRANSFORMATION, AND JAN, ACTUALLY, DID A LITTLE BRIEFING WITH YOU ON THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT. WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED FUNDS TO, TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE, LONG-TERM, CASE MANAGEMENT AND PEER-BASED SUPPORT SERVICES TO APPROXIMATELY 30 OF THE CLIENTS, WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED WITH CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES. THEY STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, ADDICTION SERVICES, CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS. WE WILL BE WORKING -- WE'LL BE HIRING ADDITIONAL STAFF, A PART-TIME PROJECT COORDINATOR, A FULL-TIME SENIOR CASE MANAGER, AND PARTNERING WITH CASCADIA AND MIRACLES CLUB TO ALSO CONTRACT FOR PURE WELLNESS AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS AND, AND WE'RE PARTNERING WITH THE PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY TO EVALUATE THE PROJECT, AND ALSO WITH SEIU TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO HOME CARE WORKERS WHO WILL BE WORKING, ALSO, WITH CLIENTS. AND WE WILL BE MEASURING AND HOPING TO SHOW THAT THROUGH THIS PROJECT WE CAN IMPROVE SELF MANAGEMENT, AND WE CAN HELP IN, INDIVIDUALS, ACTUALLY, TO IMPROVE THEIR SELF MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC, CHRONIC ILLNESSES AND, AND HELP THEM TO, TO ENGAGE MORE, MORE, MORE WITH THEIR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS AND, AND ALSO, TO MANAGE THE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND IMPROVE THE HOUSING STABILITY, SO WE HAVE A LOT OF FAIRLY BIG GOALS FOR THE PROJECT THAT WE THINK IS DOABLE.

>> Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? THIS IS GOING TO BE MONEY WELL SPENT, AND YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB OF USING THE COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SO THANK YOU, LEE. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THANK YOU. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

>>> R8.

>> Chair Kafoury: MOTION, SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> COMMISSIONER McKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R8.

>> GOOD MORNING, AND COMMISSIONER, I AM SHERRY TAYLOR. I WORK IN CENTRAL PURCHASING. I AM A CO-CHAIR FOR ADAPT. UNFORTUNATELY, BEN DUNCAN CAN BE HERE THIS MORNING NOR COULD AMY OR TRAVIS GRAVES, WHO WERE PLANNING ON -- ONE OF THEM SPEAKING TO, TO THE EMPLOYMENT DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH. INSTEAD, WE HAVE STEVE HERE FROM LABOR RELATIONS, THE DIRECTOR THERE. SO, I WILL START BY SAYING NATIONALLY, OK IS BOTH DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH AND DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH. TODAY, I AM GOING TO FOCUS MORE ON THE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS BECAUSE I JUST THINK THAT IT'S FASCINATING, AND I READ RECENTLY ACCORDING TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, IN 2013, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR PEOPLE AGED 16 TO 64 LIVING WITH DISABILITIES WAS 13.2%. THIS WAS UNCHANGED FROM 2012, AND IN CONTRAST, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR, FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION WAS 7.1, WHICH IS A LITTLE LOWER THAN 2012. INTERESTINGLY, THE REPORT ALSO SHOWS THAT IN THE GENERAL POPULATION, THE HIGHER THE PERSON'S EDUCATION, THE HIGHER THEIR EMPLOYMENT RATE. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO CORRELATION BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION AND, AND EMPLOYMENT FOR THE DISABLED. THAT WAS DISTURBING. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CONSTITUTE OUR NATION'S LARGEST MINORITY GROUP. IT'S THE MOST INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE GROUP. IT INCLUDES ALL AGES, GENDERS, RELIGION, RACES, ETHNICITIES, SEXUAL OR, AND THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC LEVELS. RECENTLY, I WAS ASKED TO REVIEW THE COUNTY'S NEW RECRUITMENT POLICY WITH AN EYE TO DISABILITY. THE POLICY DID NOT REALLY SPEAK DIRECTLY TO DISABILITY, BUT IT REFERRED TO THE EQUITY LENS, SO I THOUGHT I HAVE NEVER READ THAT DOCUMENT. I WILL READ IT AND SEE WHAT'S IN THERE. I SAW THAT THE EQUITY LENS IS REALLY ALL ABOUT RACIAL EQUITY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND DISABILITY, YOU FIND THE LARGEST RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND YOU FIND THE LARGEST RATE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN OFF THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SCREEN AND HAVE REMAINED UNEMPLOYED. ADAPT IS COMPRISED OF PEOPLE FROM MANY DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE MUCH TO CONTRIBUTE BASED ON THE COLLECTIVELY EXPERIENCES. WE'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY, AND OUR HUMAN RESOURCES PARTNERS, ON WAYS TO BOTH INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE AND FOCUS ON EQUITY ISSUES RELATED TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND TO FIND WAYS THAT WE CAN IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BEST WAYS THAT WE CAN RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND INCLUDE THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AT WORK. FOR THIS MONTH, DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH, ADAPT IS REALLY PROUD TO, TO BE TEAMING WITH OUR COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM WHO HAVE PUT OUT A BOOK

LIST FOR OCTOBER OF BOOKS WITH CHARACTERS THAT HAVE A DISABILITY. AND ALSO WITH HUMAN RESOURCES. ON OCTOBER 20, WE HAVE AN EVENT THAT I THINK WOULD BE VERY ENJOYABLE HERE IN THE BOARDROOM FROM NOON TO 2:00. THE LINEUP IS, IS [INAUDIBLE], WHO DOES A LOT OF THE COUNTY YOGA SESSIONS, WILL BE COMING IN TO DO ARM CHAIR YOGA TO START OFF. THEN WE HAVE A FORMER EMPLOYEE AND AUTHOR, KEN, WHO WILL COME IN AND TALK ABOUT PTSD, AND IF YOU, IF YOU MET KEN, HE'S, HE'S PRETTY FUNNY. AND ANDREA OLSEN, WHO IS A, A LOCAL, A LOCAL DISABILITY EXPERT IN ADA, AN ADA EXPERT, SPEAKING ABOUT DISABILITY AWARENESS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT SHE IS A VERY GOOD SPEAKER, AND THE LAST THING WILL BE -- THERE IS A GROUP HERE IN PORTLAND CALLED THE DISABILITY ARTS AND CULTURE DANCERS.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> COMMISSIONER,S, CHAIR, I AM STEVE, LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR, AND I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL H.R. SPEAKING TO THE BOARD, CONCERNING THIS DECLARATION AND, AND, AND PROCLAMATION AND, AND, AND, AND RECOGNITION OF, OF DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH. TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, AS I, I SAT DOWN AND REVIEWED MATERIALS IN PREPARATION OF THIS MORNING'S PRESENTATION, I WAS STARTLED TO BE REMINDED IN THAT THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WAS PASSED IN 1990 AND SIGNED INTO LAW BY GEORGE BUSH. THE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISABILITY, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES RIGHTS IS, IS A RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN TERMS OF THE AMERICAN HISTORY GROWING OUT OF THE, OF THE RACIAL AND, AND GENDER, SEX, SEX MOVEMENTS OF THE 1960s AND 1970s AND, AND THERE BEGAN TO BE ACTIVISM AROUND ISSUES RELATED TO, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. I THINK THERE ARE TIMES WHEN, WHEN, WHEN WE, WE LOSE TRACK OF THE IMPORTANCE AND, AND THE, THE, THE NEED AND THE RECENTER IS OF SOME OF THIS, AND WE, WE, WE LOSE TRACK OF, OF THE MOMENTUM THAT HAS BEEN GENERATED, AND WE FAIL TO MAINTAIN THAT. I AM PLEASED TO BE HERE SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CENTRAL H.R. IN RELATION TO THIS. DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT IS A COMPLEX MATTER IN SOME REGARDS WITH A VARIETY OF FACTORS IMPACTING SUCCESSFUL WORKOUT COMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THE FACTORS CAN INCLUDE THINGS LIKE THE NATURE OF THE DISABILITY, FAMILY AND SOCIAL SUPPORTS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES, AVAILABILITY, EFFECTIVENESS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND SO ON. SOME OF THOSE ARE OUT OF OUR CONTROL AS EMPLOYERS. WITHIN THE CONTROL, ARE A VARIETY OF THINGS, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WORKPLACE POLICIES AND PRACTICES. IT BROADEN THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND INCREASED WORKPLACE PARTICIPATION FOR

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THOSE INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS, AND RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING OR POSTING METHODS THAT DELIBERATELY REACH INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND REVIEWING JOB REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP TO BUSINESS NECESSITY AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACT. STRUCTURED PROCESS FOR ACCOMMODATION. ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR MANAGERS AND H.R. PROFESSIONALS. THINGS WE HAVE NOT EXPLORED, FUNDS FOR ACCOMMODATION. THOSE THINGS. SO, WE'RE PROUD OF THE WORK WE HAVE DONE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO NOT ONLY KEEP ABREAST OF THE LAW AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, BUT TO PROACTIVELY LOOK FOR WAYS TO BE A LEADER IN THIS REGARD, BUT THERE IS ROOM FOR US TO CONTINUE TO GROW. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT DOING THAT. WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUING TO ENSURE FULL ACCESS TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AS AN EMPLOYER OF CHOICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND WE'RE PROUD OF BEING A PART OF RECOGNITION OF THIS PARTICULAR SEGMENT AND OUR EMPLOYEES.

>> TRACI WILL READ THE PROCLAMATION.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING.

>> IT IS FOR [INAUDIBLE]. ADD -- [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE] [INAUDIBLE]

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

>> Comm. Smith: I HAVE ONE COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR, FOR COMING BEFORE US TODAY, AND GIVING US ALL THE GREAT INFORMATION, AND I WANTED TO FIND OUT IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AND BEYOND. IF YOU COULD GIVE THAT TO MY STAFF, THAT WOULD BE GREAT. [CLOSED CAPTIONING TRANSCRIBER SWITCH]

>> I JUST HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING FORWARD. I THINK ONE OF THE LINES IN THE PROCLAMATION, EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO HELPING PEOPLE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER. I THINK THAT'S A VERY POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT LINE. I WANT TO THANK ADOPT FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TO US AND BRINGING US THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PRESENT TO US. SO THANK YOU.

>>> THANK YOU AS WELL FOR COMING. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ROLE AS CO-CHAIRS. WE'RE GOING TO EXPECT GREAT THINGS FROM YOU THIS YEAR. [LAUGHTER] LET US KNOW AS COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID IF THERE'S

WAYS WE CAN BE HELPFUL BECAUSE YOU HAVE A VERY SUPPORTIVE BOARD HERE. WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO THE QUALITY FOR AND EQUITY FOR NOT ONLY FOLKS IN THE COMMUNITY BUT ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO PUBLIC TESTIMONIES ON THIS ITEM.

>> YOU CAN MOVE AWAY FROM THE TESTIFYING TABLE, WHATEVER THAT'S CALLED.

>> I JUST WANT IT THANK YOU SO MUCH. THIS IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL AND TOUCHING PRESENTATION FOR ME. FOR A DISABILITY AWARENESS IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE THIS YEAR TO WRAP MY HEAD AROUND WHAT'S OUT THERE AND WHAT'S AVAILABLE. THE ONE THING THAT'S REALLY AMAZING IS THE INDEPENDENT LIVING RESOURCES WHICH DEAL WITH VISUAL IMPAIRED AND A LITTLE BIT ON BRAIN INJURIES. WE'RE PURSUING THAT. I WANTED TO SHARE MY OWN CIRCLES WITH WHAT I SELF-DEFINE AS PTSD ARISING FROM CERTAIN BAD THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME. BUT THE NEUROCHEMICAL REALITIES ARE SEVERE. EVEN SOME MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY DISCOUNT THAT, SAY, OH, GROW UP, GET A LIFE, DO SOMETHING VALUABLE WITH YOURSELF. IN SOME WAS IT'S VERY REAL. MINIMIZING THEM OR BLAMING PEOPLE WHO SUFFER INVISIBLE DISABILITIES IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO INCREASE THE AWARENESS ABOUT. THEN I WANTED TO MENTION SOMETHING THE ACLU IS TALKING ABOUT WITH POLICE BRUTALITY WITH SIGNING, WITH SIGN LANGUAGE BEING MISINTERPRETED IN ARREST SITUATIONS WHERE SIGNING IS BEING INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT. IT WAS A REALLY IMPACTING YOUTUBE MOVIE I WATCHED ABOUT THAT. IF WE COULD HAVE SOME EDUCATION AROUND DISABILITIES AND POLICE SAFETY, THAT WOULD ENHANCE OUR FEELING OF SECURITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> BENJAMIN H. GREEN. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU THIS REAL QUICK. I HAVE BEEN DISABLED SINCE I WAS 10. [AUDIO NOT UNDERSTANDABLE] THIS IS MY I.D. FROM MY -- WHEN I CATCH A CITY BUS AND THEY GIVE ME A DISABLED CITIZEN DEAL. THIS RIGHT HERE I WENT AND GOT FROM THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND SO WHEN IT GETS DARK OR I GET TIRED OR SOMETHING THIS FOLDS OUT. LET ME SHOW YOU REAL QUICK. THIS IS FOR -- I HAVE LIVED WITH BLINDNESS SINCE I WAS 10. I WAS CRUSHED AND IT TOOK MY EYESIGHT INSTANTLY. NOW, I HAD TO LEARN AT TEN YEARS OLD WHY MY EYE GOT TO TOOKEN AND WHY I DESERVED THAT. THAT'S ON TOP OF STUFF LEARNING TO RETRAIN MYSELF AND BE AWARENESS OF MY ONE EYE. I LIVE BY THE WOODS, SO IT'S LIKE YOU HAVE TO BE AWARE OF STICKS AND STUFF

HIKING IN THE WOODS. WHAT I'M TRYING TO COME TO IS THIS THING I GOT SO WHEN IT GETS DARK SOMETIMES MY EYE GETS A LITTLE BIT BLINDNESS BECAUSE I GOT A LITTLE NEGATIVE IN MY RIGHT EYE. I COULD GO BLIND WITHIN 20 YEARS, WHO KNOWS. I HAD SURGERY ON THIS SIDE. IT USED TO BE WHITE ON ONE SIDE. I'M STANDING THERE AND SOME GUYS ARE LIKE, WE'RE HERE TO DO THE SWEEPS. I WAS ENJOYING THE SIDEWALK. I'M NOT EVEN FROM THIS LITTLE ISLAND HERE IN OREGON, BUT THE COPS HAD COME OVER AND APPROACHED ME AND SAID, YOU'RE IN MY BUBBLE. I'M LIKE, EXCUSE ME, YOU WALKED OVER TO ME. I'LL MOVE, THAT'S FINE. TALKING TO MY FRIEND THAT WAS LAYING THERE BECAUSE I HAD BEEN OUT THERE WITH SOME PROTESTERS WHEN I EXPERIENCED FIRST TIME FEELING LIKE WHEN IT WAS BEING HOMELESS, FIRST TIME EXPERIENCING IT. I MOVED AND THIS OTHER ONE CAME REAL CLOSE. HI TO SAY EXCUSE ME FOR NOT BRUSHING MY TEETH THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE STUCK HIS NOSE RIGHT IN MY MOUTH. [LAUGHTER] I WISH I HAD BRUSHED MY TEETH JUST TO BE POLITE. THEY WERE LINED UP AGAINST THE FENCE. I HAD WALKED FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD AND GOT INTERRUPTED AGAIN. I HAVE THIS THING WHICH FOLDS UP LIKE THIS AND HAD IT FOLDED UP LIKE THIS AND IT WAS DAYTIME. HI IT HOOKED TO MY BACK. ONE OF THE COPS SAID, LOOK AT THIS GUY. HE'S NOT EVEN BLIND. HE PROBABLY STOLE THAT BLIND CANE. I SAID EXCUSE ME, I JUST GOT THIS YESTERDAY AT THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND. YOU CAME UP IN MY FACE. THEY ARE HARASSING ME DOWN THE ROAD. YOU'RE TELLING MY I STOW THEY'LL CANE WHEN I GOT TO TO PROTECT MY ONE EYE, A REFLECTOR TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WHEN I GET A LITTLE BIT BLIND-SIDED. I GET TIRED AND MY EYE GETS TIRED. IT PULLS THIS WAY. THIS ONE DOES NOT SEE. THIS ONE HAD A LITTLE NEGATIVE IN IT. SOMETIMES I'M SUPPOSED WEAR MY GLASSES. THEN CALLING ME A LIAR ON TOP OF IT AND FOR THE DISABLED IT'S LIKE -- I MEAN, THEN ALL HIS COP FRIENDS CRIMINAL ACT IS LIKE PART OF THE WAY WE'RE NOT ONE OF THEM STOOD UP AND SAID YOU NEED TO BACK DOWN AND GO TO YOUR COP CAR. THEY JUST SAID, GO IN YOUR COP CAR AND TAKE OFF. WE'LL DEAL WITH IT, WHATEVER. I'M LIKE I'M JUST GOING TO ENJOY MY WALK COUNSEL THE WAY. I DIDN'T DESERVE TO GET TREATED THAT WAY. IT'S AN ONGOING THING. I EXPERIENCE THEM BEATING ME UP A YEAR AND SOME MONTHS AGO. I WAS JUST DRINKING WATERINGS ASKING FOR HELP. I WAS HELD AT KNIFEPOINT, MY MONEY GOT STOLEN PRIORITY A COUPLE OF THINGS HAPPENED ON THE STREET. I ASKED FOR HELP, NOT HAVING A PLACE TO STAY TO WHERE THEY HAD THREW ME DOWN AND BRUTALIZED ME AND THEN ON TOP OF IT THEY ARE TRYING TO TRY ME IN COURT AND THEN THEY LOOKED AT ME AND IT'S LIKE THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO LOOK AT THAT. LET'S JUST WHAT SHALL I DO?

>> I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE. YOUR TIME IS UP.

>> WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS IT'S DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH. IT'S A STRUGGLE. IT'S NOT FAIR TO HAVE A COMMUNITY BE ABLE TO TRUST PEOPLE

FOR DISABILITY. IT'S HARD OUT THERE. HARD TO BE A DISABILITY AND DEAL WITH EVERYTHING ELSE.

>> THANK YOU FOR COMING. SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE PROCLAMATION VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. WE'RE AT THE TIME OF THE AGENDA FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO. I THINK WE HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN THE HOUSE. COMMISSIONER SMITH.

>> EM.

>> TOMORROW IS YOUR BIRTHDAY. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> ANY OTHER COMMENTS?

Chair Kafoury: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TOMORROW, COMMISSIONER SMITH. WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS WE'RE ADJOURNED.

>> THANKS.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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