

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, March 24, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann, Commissioner Loretta Smith, Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson present.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Board Clerk and Taja Nelson Assistant Board Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 Favorable Recommendation of Liquor License Application Wildwood Golf Course Inc., located at 21881 NW St Helens Rd., Portland, OR 97231.
- C.2 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Annual Designation of a Housing Allowance for Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Chaplains.
- C.3 Transfer of Unclaimed Property in the amount of \$26,388.03 to the County General Fund.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. WELCOME TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS YOUR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. TODAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 24, AND THIS IS OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. WE HAVE HAD A REQUEST TO MOVE FEE 2 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA SO WE WILL PUT THAT AT THE END OF OUR REGULAR AGENDA TODAY. SO MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR MINUS C.2?

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. COMMENT?

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Board Clerk: WE HAVE NINE PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [READS NAMES]

Lightning: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY INDEPENDENT WATCHDOG. I PULLED ITEM C2. I WANTED TO HAVE THAT PUT ON RECORD AND HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE HOUSING ALLOWANCE YOU ARE GOING TO USE FOR THE MULTNOMAH

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OF CHAPLAINS, AND I WANT THAT PUT ON THE RECORD. THANK YOU. ISSUE TWO IS ON RISK MANAGEMENT. AS YOU KNOW AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND THERE WAS A CASE TO WHERE THE POLICE CREATED A LOT OF DAMAGE AT SOMEBODY'S HOUSE. THEY TRIED TO GET -- PUT A CLAIM INTO RISK MANAGEMENT. THEY DENIED THE CLAIM. THEN ONE OF THE AUDITORS WAS LOOKING CLOSE. IT'S IN THE CHARTER, SO WHAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND ACTUALLY HAS BEEN DOING BY DENYING THESE RIGHTS TO GO UP IN FRONT OF A COMMITTEE, THEY ARE BREAKING THE LAW. THEY ARE BREAKING THE LAW. THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

NOW, AS YOU KNOW, CHAIR KAFOURY, I HAVE A CLAIM TO YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT OF 251 MILLION. AND MY CLAIM, IF YOU WANT TO START LOOKING AT IT, IS KIND OF THE SAME THING. WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING AT A PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, WHEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL CAME INTO MY PROPERTY, AND THEY CREATED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DAMAGES. NOT ONLY ON THE DEVALUATION OF MY PROPERTY AT THE TIME, BUT ON MY REPUTATION TO PUT EXISTING DEALS TOGETHER WITH HIGH LEVEL INVESTORS AND DEVELOPERS WHICH I WILL BRING FORWARD AT THE RIGHT TIME AND HAVE THEM AS MY WITNESS ON THE DAMAGES THAT THEY CAUSED ME, THEY CAUSED MY PROPERTY, AND YOU BEING IN CHARGE ARE GOING TO EITHER SAY IT'S NOT IN THE CHARTER, ARE YOU GOING TO PAY THAT, AND BY THE WAY, THERE IS AN IGA ALSO WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND CURRENTLY, SO AGAIN, IF THEY ARE BREAKING THE LAW, AND YOU ARE WORKING WITH THEM AT THE SAME TIME, GUESS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, CHAIR KAFOURY.

GUESS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO AGAIN, I AM GOING TO ASK YOU FOR A MEETING DIRECTLY. I AM GOING TO WANT TO HAVE SHERIFF REESE SITTING ALONGSIDE OF YOU AT THE TIME, AND I WILL BRING IN A REPRESENTATIVE THAT KNOWS MR. REESE QUITE WELL. AND HE WILL SIT IN THE MEETING AT THE SAME TIME. WE WILL HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THE DAMAGES THAT I AM ASKING YOU, \$251 MILLION, WHICH I WILL BE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE TO YOU IN THE CITY OF PORTLAND BASED UPON ACTUAL FACTS AND ACTUAL PEOPLE COMING IN AND MAKING STATEMENTS. SO AGAIN, I HOPE THAT YOU TAKE THAT CLAIM SERIOUS. UNDERSTAND THE CITY OF PORTLAND DID NOT. THEY ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW. THAT IS COMING OUT RIGHT NOW. THAT'S A CRIMINAL ACT. A CRIMINAL ACT, NOT TO PROCEED FORWARD, THAT WAS AGREED UPON IN THE CHARTER, TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR COMMITMENTS, AND TO DENY THESE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD, AND GET THE MONEY FOR THE DAMAGES, THE DAMAGES THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND CREATED. MULTNOMAH COUNTY CREATED. SO TAKE NOTICE, CHAIR KAFOURY. DON'T ANSWER. DON'T SAY ANYTHING. TAKE NOTICE, SET UP THE MEETING. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU WANT TO HEAD INTO THE BACK, LIZ SMITH CURRIE WILL HELP TO SCHEDULE A MEETING.

Lightning: I AM GLAD YOU ARE GOING TO FOLLOW THE LAW, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

Chair Kafoury: YOU ARE NEXT, SIR. GOOD MORNING.

Babo McMurphy: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY. YOU HAVE GREAT PICTURES UP ON THE WALL. I SAW THEM A YEAR AGO. MY NAME IS BABO MCMURPHY. I'VE BEEN A COUNCILOR AT THE VOLUNTEER OF AMERICA'S RESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR 20 YEARS. I GOT INTO THIS, INTO SOCIAL WORK BY MEANS OF BEING A TORTURED ENGLISH MAJOR, SO I DON'T HAVE A TYPED UP THING HERE.

Chair Kafoury: WE LOVE ENGLISH MAJORS.

Babo McMurphy: FELLOW, NOT FELLOW, BUT PORTLAND MUSICIAN STEVEN [INAUDIBLE] GAVE -- I FISH A I WAS A FELLOW MUSICIAN, HE DID A BENEFIT FOR THE ACLU RIGHT AFTER THE ELECTION, AND HE SAID, YOU KNOW THINGS ARE MESSED UP IF I AM GETTING POLITICAL. ABOUT THE SAME WITH ME. HE DIDN'T SAY MESSED UP, BUT WE HAVE HAD A UNION BATTLE FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO THAT. AND I THINK IT AROSE BECAUSE OUR AGENCY FACED SOME DIRE KIND OF SITUATIONS A FEW YEARS BACK. WE HAD A 90% VOTE IN FAVOR AND I THINK THAT THE PROCESS FROM WHAT I AM TOLD AND CAN OBSERVE HAS GOTTEN TO A PLACE WHERE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IS NOT REALLY BEING RESPECTED. I THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE FOR THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THERE IS A STORY HERE. I ENCOURAGE PHONE CALLS TO BE MADE AND PEOPLE TO LOOK INTO IT. I THINK THAT AFSCME, WHO WE WORK WITH, THEY REPRESENT A LOT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS IT IS.

WE ARE NOT GOING FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AFSCME DEAL. WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR THE NBA MAX CONTRACT. I THINK THAT WE'VE BEEN REALLY COMPROMISING AND FAIR IN GIVING. IT JUST SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PROCESS, THE GOAL SEEMS TO BE TO DESTROY THE PROCESS. OR AT LEAST THERE IS SUSPICION OF THAT. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S WHY THINGS COME TO A PLACE WHERE WE ARE TALKING TO YOU TODAY, AND THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PEOPLE TALKING. THERE WAS A RECENT CIVIL ACTION BY AFSCME. I THINK IT WAS MISREPRESENTED. I THINK THAT REALLY OUR AGENCY DOES THINGS LIKE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR KIDS, AND I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT OUR PROGRAM MANAGERS AND THE DIRECTOR WHO CREATED THIS THING WE HAVE, THIS COMMUNITY. I THINK OUR STAFF AND EVEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT ARE STILL INVOLVED. THEY LEFT BECAUSE THEY ARE GETTING PAID A LOT MORE SOMEWHERE ELSE NOW. I THINK WE MUTUALLY INSPIRED EACH OTHER AND CONTINUE TO DO SO. AND I THINK THAT OUR PROGRAM KEEPS EVOLVING. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING. GOOD MORNING.

Will Lang: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND MEMBERS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION. I AM WILL LANG, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PORTLAND JOBS OF JUSTICE. THIS IS THE COALITION OF 100 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND LOCAL UNIONS THAT SUPPORTS WORKERS' RIGHTS AND QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES BY MOBILIZING THE THOUSANDS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE TAKEN THE JOBS THE JUSTICE PLEDGE TO BE THERE FIVE TIMES A YEAR FOR ANOTHER WORK OR STRUGGLE. I AM HERE TO EXPRESS OUR FRUSTRATION AND CONCERN WITH THE ONGOING UNION BUSTING AND [INAUDIBLE] MULTNOMAH COUNTY CONTRACTORS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. THE WORKERS VOTED IN SEPTEMBER OF 2016 BY A MARGIN OF 46-3 TO FORM THEIR UNION WITH AFSCME. DURING THE ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN IN THE 18 MONTHS OF CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS THAT HAVE FOLLOWED, YOUR CONTRACTOR, VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, SPENT THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, TAXPAYER MONEY IN LEGAL MANEUVERS, THREATS, AND INTIMIDATION OF WORKERS AND DELAYING TACTICS.

NOW EVEN THOUGH BOTH SIDES ARE VERY CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT AFTER SO MUCH WASTE AND DISGUSTING UNION BUSTING TACTICS, THE EMPLOYER REFUSES TO AGREE TO BASIC UNION PROTECTIONS THAT ARE COMMON IN UNION AGREEMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR IN OUR STATE. WORKERS AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA DO A GREAT JOB TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE IN A VERY DIFFICULT TRANSITION TIME IN THEIR LIVES. THEIR WORK SHOULD BE APPLAUDED AND RECOGNIZED FOR THE IMPORTANT PUBLIC SERVICE THAT IT IS. INSTEAD THEY ARE FACING UNION BUSTING AND INCREDIBLE DELAYS FROM VOA AND THE CEO. IT'S NO WONDER THAT TURNOVER IS SO HIGH WHEN LEADERSHIP DOES NOT LISTEN AND DOES NOT NEGOTIATE FAIRLY. WE DEMAND A FAIR CONTRACT NOW FOR VOA WORKERS. I ASK THE COUNTY TO STEP UP IN SUPPORTING FRONT LINE WORKERS WHO DO AMAZING WORK IN TOUGH CONDITIONS. PLEASE DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO ENSURE THAT SHE AND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA SETTLE A CONTRACT NOW WITH THEIR HARD WORKING EMPLOYEES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH FOR THE RECORD, AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE 2.3 MILLION THAT WENT TO THE JOINT OFFICE AND THE CHAIR AFTER I SPOKE, WHICH IS WRONG. HERE'S WHAT MY ARGUMENT IS, THAT I WAS RIGHT. IT WAS A BI-ANNUAL BILL PASSED. IT WAS A TWO-YEAR BILL THAT RUNS FROM JUNE OF 2017 TO 2019, WHICH INCLUDES THIS COMING WINTER. AND THAT WAS MY MAIN POINT. I AM TERRIFIED THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY MONEY THIS COMING WINTER IF MARK IS ALLOWED TO SPEND THE MONEY NOW. I AM TELLING YOU THAT IF YOU GO TO THE STATE, THEY SAID

THAT THIS IS A ONE-TIME PAYOUT. IF YOU GO TO THE STATE AND ASK FOR MONEY, BUT NEXT, FOR NEXT WINTER, THEY ARE GOING TO SAY NO.

Joe Walsh: THEY ARE GOING TO FEEL THE PINCH ALSO. THAT'S THE PROJECTIONS. SO MY ARGUMENT WAS THAT IT COVERED THIS WINTER. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THIS WINTER. AND THE CHAIR SAID THAT I WAS WRONG. NOW I MIGHT HAVE WRONG SAYING THAT MARK COULD NOT SPEND THIS MONEY. HOWEVER IN THE BILL, IT SAYS FOR WINTER MONEY AND FOR FAMILIES UNDER EMERGENCY SHELTERS, YOU GUYS ARE RESTRICTED ON THAT. WILL YOU GET AROUND THAT? I DON'T KNOW. BUT THE LANGUAGE SEEMS TO BE CLEAR. YOU CAN ONLY USE THE MONEY FOR FAMILIES. YOU CAN ONLY USE THE MONEY FOR WINTER. YOU CANNOT USE THE MONEY TO REIMBURSE OTHER STUFF. THAT'S WHAT MARK SAID TO ME IN THAT HALLWAY. HE IS GOING TO USE THAT MONEY TO REIMBURSE WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR. THAT'S WHAT SCARES ME. IF YOU DO THAT YOU HAVE NO MONEY FOR THE COMING WINTER AND NO PLACE TO GO. I HOPE THAT'S CLEAR, BECAUSE IF WE HAVE TO COME BACK IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND YOU ARE SAYING YOU HAVE NO MONEY, TO OPEN UP THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS, WE WILL CLOSE YOU DOWN. I WILL CLOSE YOU DOWN. I WILL ASK PEOPLE TO COME AND SIT RIGHT THERE. WE WILL OCCUPY THIS PLACE IF YOU DO NOT HELP THESE PEOPLE THIS COMING WINTER, WE WILL SIT RIGHT THERE. WE WILL OCCUPY THE PLACE. I REALLY WANTED TO GIVE YOU YOUR 30 SECONDS BACK BUT I SCREWED IT UP.

Chair Kafoury: NEXT TIME. AND JOE, ADAM BACK HERE, YOU CAN TALK WITH HIM, IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS. RIGHT HERE. HE'S RIGHT HERE. HE'S VERY NICE.

Chair Kafoury: YOU ARE UP SIR. YOU ARE FIRST. YOU. RIGHT HERE. LOVE TO RUN.

Kelly Slaten: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY. MEMBERS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION. MY NAME IS KELLY SLATEN, A MEMBER -- I AM HERE AS A MEMBER OF THE AFSCME REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEES OF VOA, WORK AT THE MRC. I HAVE WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER OF AMERICA IN OREGON FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS YOU HAVE HEARD EARLIER. WE ARE NEGOTIATING OUR FIRST CONTRACT FOR OVER A YEAR AND A HALF. IT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT FIGHT. MY COLLEAGUES AND I ARE LIMITED IN THE TIME THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE, SO I WOULD APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT WE HAVE FOR THE UNION AND FOR OUR OTHER ALLIES. LAST WEEK A LETTER WAS SENT OUT TO ALL EMPLOYEES AS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, NOT JUST UNION MEMBERS, CONDEMNING THE UNION. I FOUND THIS LETTER VERY TROUBLING AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY RESPONSE, MY PART, MY PART OF THE RESPONSE TO THE LETTER. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR LETTER YOU SENT OUT, I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO A FEW THINGS AND ADD THINGS FROM MY HEART.

Kelly Slaten: I HAVE ALWAYS APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT I HAVE A JOB WHERE I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR LIVES IN SUCH A POSITIVE MANNER. WITH SO MANY REWARDS TO ME IN MY OWN LIFE, WORKING AT THE MRC HAS MADE ME A BETTER PERSON AND GIVEN ME MORE SPECIAL FEELINGS THAN I EVER HAD IN MY PREVIOUS 43 YEARS OF MY LIFE COMBINED. I HAVE NEVER APPEARED WHY SOMEONE THAT PUMPS GAS OR PERSONALLY THAT I KNOW, MY GIRLFRIENDS, 16-YEAR-OLD'S DAUGHTER THAT STACKS BOXES AT A SUPERMARKET CAN MAKE MORE MONEY THAN I DO WORKING IN A PLACE THAT TRULY CHANGES AND HELPS PEOPLE'S LIVES, GETS THEIR FAMILIES BACK AND GIVES THEM NEW LIFE AND TEACHES THEM A DESIGN FOR LIVING, HOW TO FUNCTION IN SOCIETY, AND TEACHES THEM TO BE A GOOD COMMUNITY MEMBER, AND ALL AROUND BETTER PEOPLE. I COULD GO ON FOREVER AND EVER ABOUT ALL WE DO IN RECOVERY FOR OUR CLIENTS, BUT I WILL STOP THERE.

IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH KAY TRAN WROTE, WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO PROVIDING ALL EMPLOYEES OF VOA OREGON THE BEST POSSIBLE WORK ENVIRONMENT WITH COMPETITIVE WAGES AND BENEFITS. IT'S NOT A TRUE STATEMENT. SO IS IT MUCH MORE DISRESPECTFUL FOR A GROUP OF PEOPLE TO PROTEST FOR US TO GET A FAIR WAGE AT THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THAN IT IS FOR THE VOA ACTUALLY TO PAY US THE WAGE THAT THEY DO? ABOUT THE, THIS NOT BEING A TRUE STATEMENT. HOW ARE THE WAGES WE RECEIVE COMPETITIVE? THEY ARE NOT COMPETITIVE IN ANY MANNER. ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE QUIET AND HOPE THE WAGES CHANGE OUT OF THE BLUE? I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF BUT I HAVE TRULY DEDICATED MY WORK IN HELPING OTHERS, HELPING OTHERS BETTER THEIR LIVES. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE WERE SHOWN SOMETHING THAT SHOWS THAT WE ARE VALUED AND NEEDED MEMBERS OF THIS COMPANY. IT IS TOO BAD THAT IT'S COME TO THE PEOPLE BEING ARRESTED, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP US. I HAVE APPRECIATED THE CHANCE THAT I HAVE, I HAVE HAD HERE TO HELP PEOPLE CHANGE THEIR LIVES IN SUCH A POSITIVE MANNER AND THANK VOA FOR THAT. I TRULY HOPE THAT SOMETHING DOES CHANGE BECAUSE THE ACTIONS DO SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. I HOPE SOMETHING HAPPENS.

Chair Kafoury: WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Vilente Vera: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, OTHER COMMISSIONERS. JESSICA, I REMEMBER SPEAKING TO YOU A COUPLE MONTHS AGO WHEN WE, AS VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, WERE TRYING TO GET THIS BALL ROLLING. MY NAME IS VIA, AND I AM HERE TODAY AS A MEMBER OF THE UNION. I AM PART OF THE BARGAINING TEAM. I WORKED FOR VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA FOR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS NOW. I AM

CURRENTLY IN THE POSITION OF THE DRUG-FREE HOUSING MANAGER. I HAVE HAD THE HONOR TO MEET A FEW OF YOU AS I SAY BEFORE. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON WHERE WE ARE AT TODAY. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK, THOUGH, THE BOARD FOR DECLARING MAY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. THIS ACKNOWLEDGMENT IS CRITICAL IN REMOVING THE STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS, AND FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO THESE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES. I, MYSELF, AM ALMOST 11 YEARS CLEAN AND SOBER. NEXT MONTH I WILL TAKE 11 YEARS. THANK YOU. I HAD THE HONOR TO GO TO SCHOOL AND GET AN EDUCATION WHEN I GOT CLEAN AND RETURN TO MY ROOTS AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA WHERE I WAS A CLIENT.

Vilente Vera: NOT ONCE, BUT TWICE. BECAUSE THE DISEASE IS SO CUNNING, BAFFLING AND POWERFUL. THIS IS NOT JUST WORK FOR ME. THIS IS MY PASSION. I CAME BACK TO VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TO LEND A HELPING HAND TO THE WOMEN FOLLOWING IN MY PATH AND HOPING TO GET THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT I WAS SO GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, TO HELP ME TO FIND MY VOICE. MY CO-WORKERS AND I ARE ON THE FRONT LINES AT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. PROVIDING THE SERVICES TO THE CLIENTS, AND WE OFTEN FACE LOW PAY, HIGH CASELOADS, AND SECOND HAND VICARIOUS TRAUMA FROM THE CLIENTS THAT WE SERVE. WE ENCOURAGE OUR CLIENTS TO FIND THEIR VOICE, AND WE FIND VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA REFUSES TO LISTEN TO ITS EMPLOYEES' VOICES.

WE FORMULATED THE UNION TO HAVE OUR EXPERTISE BE VALUED AND HEARD. THE ORGANIZATION HAS MET US WITH RESISTANCE EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. SOME OF US GOT TIRED AND JUST MOVED ONTO OTHER JOBS. AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS IS MY PASSION. I WILL NOT BE MOVED. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR OVER A YEAR. FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS IN MEDIATION. MANY OF THE ISSUES WE PRESENTED TO THE BARGAINING TABLE LIKE WAGE SCALES, SO THAT EMPLOYEES CAN SEE THEIR FUTURE WITH THE AGENCY. COLAS SO THE WAGES WILL BE KEPT UP WITH THE COST OF LIVING. OUR STANDARD POLICIES THAT, EXCUSE ME, OUR STANDARD PRACTICALS -- I JUST WANT TO ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AND ASK BOA TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Yu Tay: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS YU TAY. I REPRESENT DISTRICT 4. COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S DISTRICT. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2, IN COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH'S DISTRICT. A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO WE -- I WAS PART OF -- MY NAME AND GREG ANDERSON WERE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITHIN THE CIC. WITH OUR OFFICE, WITH THE OCI. I WANT TO THANK THE COMMISSIONERS FOR STAYING THE DECISION AND NOT MAKING ANY DECISIONS DURING THAT DAY AND ALLOWING US TO BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH AND TO DO A SEARCH OR FINDING OF THE FACTS AND MAKE SURE

THAT WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BEFORE THE DECISIONS ARE MADE ON, ON THE REMOVAL FROM THE CIC. BUT AS A RESULT, WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT, IT ALLOWED ME AND GREG, ALLOWED THE CIC, FOR US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR ROLE AND WHAT THE CIC IS ABOUT AND TO EXPLAIN THAT TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. AND TO, AND TO ORGANIZE THE COMMUNITY.

Yu Tay: SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I THOUGHT ABOUT WAS -- I AM GOING OFF THE SCRIPT. SO SINCE THEN, WE HAVE HAD ELECTIONS AND WE HAVE ELECTED OUR NEW CHAIR, CHAIR BERNADINO WHO WILL BE COMING IN, AND HE'S PART OF OUR WATCHDOG GROUP WITH AN 8-5 MAJORITY ON THE CIC TEAM. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER AND FIGURING OUT THE ISSUES INTERNALLY AND ORGANIZE OUR COMMUNITY AND BE A BETTER ADVOCATE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAS BEEN HELPFUL IS COMING INTO THE HEARINGS AND LEARNING AND CONNECTING WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOU GUYS WITH THE VOA. WE HAVE GOT A GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE COMMITTED, RATIONALE, WHO ARE DRIVEN, WHO ARE NON-COMPLAINERS. PEOPLE WITH, WITH COLLEGE EDUCATION, DEGREES, HIGH DEGREES, WELL CONNECTED IN THE COMMUNITY. FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEES. CONNECTED WITH THE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OR LOCAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS. THE STEPS THAT WE ARE TAKING INCLUDES MEETING AND INFORMING AND THINKING ABOUT AND ACTING ON HOW WE COULD BETTER CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZE THE COMMUNITY. SO THAT ALSO INCLUDES CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE HAVING COFFEE SESSIONS, HAVING A CHARTER READING CLUB. I WANT TO END BY, ESPECIALLY GIVING A THANK YOU TO LORETTA SMITH FOR BEING A CHAMPION OF THE CIC AND WITH HER PROCESS. THANK YOU.

Charles Bridgecrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING, I AM CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. AND AS USUAL I THINK THINGS ARE GOING BETTER OVER HERE THAN ACROSS THE RIVER. I AM NOT SURE WHAT WE ARE PRIORITIZING OVER HERE BUT I AM WORRIED MAYOR WHEELER AND THE COUNCIL ACROSS THE RIVER HAS DECIDED THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, IF YOU FOLLOW THE MONEY, IS BECKY CALLING 9-1-1. WE HAVE GOT FIVE MILLION PLUS DOLLARS GOING INTO OVER-POLICING BECAUSE BECKY CALLS 9-1-1 TOO MUCH. SOME 9-1-1 CALLS ARE URGENT, BUT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO GET A BETTER, MORE RESPONSIVE COMMUNITY AWARENESS ABOUT HOW AND WHEN TO USE 9-1-1 AND NOT TO, WE'RE GOING TO INVEST IN MORE POLICE WHEN WHAT THIS COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT'S A CITY'S BUDGET OR YOURS, NEEDS TO DO, IS INVEST IN PROGRAMS LIKE VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA. AND THE FRONT LINE WORKING PEOPLE AT TPI. YOU KNOW, IF YOU WILL JUST PAUSE FOR A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT THE FALSE HEROISM STORY THAT MAKES US -- I WON'T SAY POLICE OFFICERS ARE NECESSARILY OVERPAID, BUT WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE PAID WAY MORE THAN PEOPLE THAT WORK AT VOA. SO WE HAVE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT

THE POLICE ARE DOING. WHEN I GO TO THE FOOD STAMP OFFICE, I AM GOING TO BE WALKING PAST A MURDER SCENE. ONE THING WE NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW IS PAUSE AND SAY HER NAME. NOT KILLED BY POLICE. BUT DEAD IN PORTLAND WHERE WE STILL THROW MONEY AT THE POLICE.

Charles Bridgecrane Johnson: PLEASE SAY HER NAME. [INAUDIBLE] PIERCE. WE HAVE HAD A TRANS WOMAN SHOT AND KILLED WITHIN BLOCKS OF DOWNTOWN BUDU DOUGHNUTS AND THE FOOD STAMP OFFICE AND STILL WE THINK THAT IF WE THROW MONEY INTO POLICING, THAT'S THE ANSWER. THE ANSWER IS HERE IN THIS ROOM. WHERE PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE AND PEERS ARE GETTING THE RUN-AROUND FROM, I CAN SURELY SAY OVERPAID BOSSES BECAUSE WHEN I LOOK AT WHAT YOU ALL DO AND WHAT GOVERNOR KATE BROWN DOES FOR 70 TO 79,000 A YEAR, AND THEN I FIND OUT THAT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU THROW AT GEORGE DEVINDORF AND THE DIRECTORS OF HUMAN SOLUTIONS AND I WISH THAT THEY HAD MENTIONED IT, I CAN'T IMAGINE HOW MUCH THE PAY DISPARITY IS BETWEEN THESE FRONT WORKERS TRYING TO GET THE UNION AND THEIR BOSS WHO TELLS THEM WELL, YOU ARE GETTING COMPETITIVE PAY. WE NEED TO DO BETTER FOR THE FRONT LINE WORKERS DELIVERING SERVICES. JUST AS WELL AS WE DO FOR THE POLICE AND NOT BUY INTO THE MYTHOLOGY OF SUPER HEROES WITH GUNS. THANK YOU.

Kevin Fits: DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST?

Chair Kafoury: SOMEBODY NEEDS TO GO FIRST.

Judith: I AM JUDITH. I AM SO GLAD I AM HERE. I AM SURPRISED I AM SPEAKING. THE REASON THAT I AM HERE IS BECAUSE I SEE INSIDE THE SHELTERS, THE WOMAN SHELTER, THE MEN'S SHELTER, EVERY DAY SOMETHING HAPPENS. WITH THE STAFF PEOPLE. THEY DON'T RESPECT THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. THEY HAVE ISSUES IN THIS. THEY DON'T CARE. THEY ARE WORKING ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PAYCHECK, AND THEY ARE WORKING CERTAIN HOURS. WHEN SOME PEOPLE NEED HELP FOR AN ELEVATOR OR OPEN THE DOOR OR THE MEDICAL ISSUES, EQUIPMENT, KNOWLEDGE, THE STUFF, THEY DON'T HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR NOTHING. NO CPR, NO FIRST AID. VERY BASIC AND IMPORTANT THINGS. AND AFTER THAT, THEY CALLED 9-1-1 AND BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. AND THE OTHER THING IS YEAH, BECAUSE A LONG TIME AGO I HAD EXPERIENCE BEFORE. BUT I SEE RIGHT NOW, EVERY DAY, SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH PEOPLE. THE STAFF, THEY LIKE ARE KICKING OUT THE PEOPLE, THE RESIDENTS, AND THE NIGHT-TIME FOR NO REASON.

A LOT OF PEOPLE GET IT SERIOUSLY FOR HOUSING OR FOR JOBS BUT ALL THE PEOPLE, NO. EVERYBODY IS DIFFERENT. THEY HAVE CHOICE. THE PEOPLE'S STAFF, THE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE ME, MY PERSON. THEY ARE KICKING ME OUT FOR NO REASON. NOTHING. THERE IS NO JUSTICE. IT IS

INSANITY. AND YEAH, AND THE PEOPLE, TPI, OR OTHER SHELTERS, THE PEOPLE IN THE HIGH LEVEL, AND THEY, THEY DON'T LIKE HEARING MY VOICE, MY -- WHEN I HAVE EXPERIENCE BEFORE. WITH PEOPLE'S STAFF, AND THE SHELTER AM THEY SAY OH, IT'S OKAY. WHATEVER, SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND BECAUSE THEY GET SUPER BUSY AND THEY GO ANNOYED. THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEY DON'T WANT IT. BUT THIS IS OVER AND OVER. EVERY WEEK, EVERY MONTH. SOMETHING HAPPENS. PEOPLE DIE WHEN THEY GET IT OUT FROM THE SHELTER. WOMAN, MAN, DISABILITY PEOPLE. BECAUSE THEY COME BACK AND THE SHELTER AGAIN. AND FINISH. NO MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING THIS MORNING, AND IF YOU TURN AROUND THERE IS A YOUNG MAN NAMED LIAM. HE'S RAISING HIS HAND. CAN YOU GO AND TALK WITH HIM. AND HE WILL TRY TO GIVE YOU HELP. THANKS FOR COMING THIS MORNING.

Kevin Fitts: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR KAFOURY AND COUNTY COMMISSIONS, I AM KEVIN FITS, WITH THE OREGON MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER ASSOCIATION. I DIDN'T THINK THAT I WAS GOING TO COME DOWN HERE TODAY BECAUSE I WAS ENGROSSED WITH A FASCINATING TV SHOW CALLED FOX AND FRIENDS. REALLY GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF HOW TO START YOUR DAY. BEFORE I GET INTO MY LECTURE AND MY NAME -- SHAMING SESSION I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO DISTRICT 1 COMMISSIONER DR. SHARON MEIERAN. SHE EXEMPLIFIES HER AND CITY COUNCILOR NICK FISH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I HAVE SEEN COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AT THE NAMI WALK, OREGON HEALTH SCIENCES PUBLIC HEALTH TALK, ALISSA KENNY [INAUDIBLE]'S BIRTHDAY PARTY SO I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO HER PARTICULARLY BECAUSE SHE'S MY COMMISSIONER, SO, BUT I AM NOT PLAYING FAVORITES. I JUST WANTED TO SAY ONE THING. I GOT INTO THE DISCUSSION, I WAS SPEAKING AT CLACKAMAS COUNTY, AND I SAID WHY IS IT THAT THE MAYOR OF OREGON CITY OR THE MAYOR OF MILWAUKEE OR THE MAYOR OF PORTLAND HAS TO LIVE WITHIN CITY LIMITS TO BE ABLE TO RUN FOR THAT OFFICE? AND PEOPLE LIKE, ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE WE CANNOT FOLLOW YOU? WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? SO THEN I BROKE IT DOWN A LITTLE SIMPLER. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER THE MOVIE CALLED ONE FLEW OVER THE COOKOO'S NEST WHERE JACK NICKELSON PLACE A HOSPITAL PATIENT, AND THEIR THEME IS THE INMATES WANTS TO RUN THE ASYLUM.

SO WHAT I AM HERE FOR IS TO ASK YOU FIVE AND YOUR AMAZING GROUP OF CENTURY AND STAFFERS TO HELP US DO A MORE EFFECTIVE JOB IN GETTING FOLKS WITH SEVERE, WHO HAVE A DIAGNOSIS AND THE DISABILITY OF SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS AT THE TABLE WHERE WE'RE MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT FUNDING, CONTRACTS, AND LEADERSHIP. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO SOME OF YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH AND KAFOURY WHO WERE HERE WHEN YOU CREATED THE OCE OFFICE WITHIN

YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION. I THINK THAT THAT'S A GREAT START. OUR LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO HAVE PEOPLE IN POSITIONS LIKE CHIEF OF STAFFS, POLICY DIRECTORS, DIVISION DIRECTORS, PEOPLE, SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS CHALLENGES OR SUICIDE SURVIVORS OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN HOMELESS SHELTERS AT THE TABLE MAKING FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS ABOUT THAT. IN THE APARTHEID MOVEMENT, THE HEALTH WORK EVER MOVEMENT, CALLED NOTHING BUTS WITHOUT US. I WANT YOU FIVE AND YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF AND YOUR POLICY PEOPLE HOW TO HELP ME TO MOVE FORWARD, AND SOMETIMES I THINK THAT WE'RE UP AGAINST, IF YOU HEARD THE PHRASE, HELICOPTER PARENTS? IN THE SYSTEM I LIKE TO SAY IT'S BENEVOLENT BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S AN OVERCOMPASSIONATE, OVER-REACHING PATERNALISM. AND WE WANT TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY IF PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SUCH EXPERIENCES TO BE MORE VISIBLE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THIS METRO AREA. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, FOLKS.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS, KEVIN. [APPLAUSE] WE ARE GOING TO MOVE AROUND THE AGENDA BECAUSE WE HAVE A TIME CERTAIN AT 10:00 WITH OUR, AS YOU MAY SEE, SOME LOVELY AND TALENTED YOUNG WOMEN WALKING IN. THE 2018 ROSE FESTIVAL COURT. LESLIE WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP AND KICK US OFF?

R.2 Time Certain - Introducing the 2018 Rose Festival Court and Highlighting the 110th Year of Rose Festival Activities In and Around Multnomah County. Presenters: Patty Hoppe, Portland Rose Festival Foundation & The 2018 Rose Festival Court

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Leslie Goodlow: GOOD MORNING. SO WONDERFUL TO BE HERE. I AM LESLIE GOODLOW, THE 2018 ROSE FESTIVAL COURT CHAIR. BEFORE THE GIRLS COME UP I WILL GIVE YOU A BIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THEM AND THEY ARE GOING TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE ROSE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR. SO WE HAVE 14 GIRLS THIS YEAR. 11 SENIORS. THREE JUNIORS. THEIR AVERAGE GPA IS 3.76. PRETTY AMAZING. THEY HAVE COMPLETED 3,000 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BEFORE THEY JOINED THE COURT. AND IN THE FIVE WEEKS WHILE THEY ARE ON THE COURT THEY DO ABOUT ANOTHER WHOLE WEEK, SO OVER 40 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEY JUST CAME FROM DOING DOOR TO DOOR AT FRED MEYER WHERE THEY SHOP FOR SENIORS THAT CANNOT GET TO THE STORE. SO WITH THAT LADIES COME ON UP.

Chair Kafoury: WE ARE HAVING A MICROPHONE RUN OVER TO YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Rose Festival Court: HELLO. WE ARE THE 2018 ROSE FESTIVAL COURT PRESENTED BY THE UNITED COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION. WE WANT TO TELL YOU WHAT IS HAPPENING DURING THIS YEAR'S ROSE FESTIVAL.

Lux Preciado-Solis: I AM LUX FROM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL. MY FAVORITE ROSE FESTIVAL EVENT IS THE STARLIGHT PARADE BECAUSE I LOVE SEEING THE FUN LIGHT DISPLAYS EACH GROUP WILL HAVE AND ALL THE FAMILIES LINED UP TO WATCH THEM. TO ME THERE IS NO MORE OF A PERFECT THEME FOR THE ROSE FESTIVAL THAN PLAY HAPPY BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR ME. COME, PLAY HAPPY AT THE ROSE FESTIVAL THIS YEAR. BRING YOUR FAMILY TO DOWNTOWN PORTLAND FOR THE PGE STARLIGHT PARADE SATURDAY JUNE 2 AT 8:30:00 P.M. TO SEE THE ILLUMINATED FLOATS, MARCHING BANDS, DANCING GROUPS AND SPECIAL ENTRIES THAT LIGHT UP THE SKY AT THIS EVENT. OR WATCH IT LIVE ON KPTV FOX CHANNEL 12.

Kash'Imani Thomas: HI, I AM KASH'IMANI FROM JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL. I AM CO-PRESIDENT OF OUR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CLUB, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL HONOR'S SOCIETY, AND A MEMBER OF SELF ENHANCEMENT, INC. I CAN GIVE THE YOUNG GIRLS IN MY COMMUNITY A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL, TOO. COME JOIN ME AND MY FELLOW PRINCESSES TO SEE WHO WILL BE CROWN THE QUEEN OF ROSE PRESENTED BY THE CREDIT UNION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY AT 8:30:00 A.M. RIGHT BEFORE THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE AT THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COLISEUM. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT.

Melissa Torres-Duran: HI, I AM MELISSA FROM GRANT HIGH SCHOOL. IN HIGH SCHOOL I WAS PART OF THE CHEERLEADING TEAM WHICH TOOK PART SOME OF THE JUNIOR PARADE. IT WAS ALWAYS AN EDUCATION THAT SUMMER WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUTH BY JOINING US FOR THE FRED MEYER'S UNION PARADE ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 6 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT. THIS YEAR WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE JUNIOR PARADES INCEPTION WHERE THE CHILDREN OF PORTLAND TOOK TO THE STREETS TO MAKE THEIR OWN ROSE FESTIVAL PROCESSIONS. WATCH IT IN PERSON OR CAST THE, OR WATCH IT ON FOX CHANNEL 12.

Jenny White: I AM JENNY FROM ST. MARY'S ACADEMY. AS A LAURELHURST ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE GRADE SCHOOL GRADUATE I WILL CHERISH MY MEMORIES OF THE ROSE FESTIVAL COMPETITION AND SINGING WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD WITH MY FELLOW STUDENTS. I STILL HAVE MY RIBBON FROM THE YEAR WE WON THE ROSE CATEGORY. DO YOU WANT TO FIND YOUR OWN MOMENTO FROM THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL AND THE CITY OF ROSES? COME VISIT IS THE ROSE GARDEN STOPPER LOCATED AT PORTLAND'S INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN IN WASHINGTON PARK. PROCEEDS FROM THE STORE SUPPORT PORTLAND'S PUBLIC ROSE GARDENS.

Alley Yang: I AM ALLEY FROM DAVID DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL. ROSE FESTIVAL WEEK IS MY FAVORITE BECAUSE ASIDE FROM THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR APPRECIATION, IT EXHIBITS THE PROGRESS WE HAVE COME TO AS UNITED AND DIVERSE COMPANY. THE ROSE FESTIVAL IS EXCITED TO WELCOME SHIPS BACK TO PORTLAND FROM THE NAVY, COAST GUARD, AND ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY. BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SEE THE SHIPS LINED UP DURING FLEET WEEK, JUNE 6-10. BRING YOUR FAMILY, OR I AM SORRY, COME AND JOIN THE SHIP -- THERE IS A FREE SHIP TOUR FOR, FOR, TO COMPLETE THE WEEK'S EXPERIENCE.

Madison Nieuwendorp: I AM MADISON FROM ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL. WHEN I WAS YOUNGER MY PARENTS WOULD TELL ME BROTHER AND ME TO HAVE A HAPPY HEART AND GOOD ATTITUDE BOTH AT WORK AND DURING PLAY. I PARTICIPATE IN MY LOCAL RUGBY OREGON CLUB TEAM AND I RUN IN VARIOUS 5K'S THROUGHOUT THE AREA, THIS WEEK WE EMPOWER WOMEN BY BRINGING OUT THE BEST GOLF PRO IN THE WORLD. THE CAMBRIA CLASSIC WILL BE HELD AT THE COLUMBIA EDGEWATER GOLF COURSE ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND AUGUST 30 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2.

Stephanie Nguyen: I AM STEPHANIE FROM MADISON HIGH SCHOOL. MY BIGGEST HOBBY IS MUSIC. I OFTEN SPEND TIME STRUMMING MY UKULELE. MY LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR MUSIC AND THE ARTS HAS ONLY GROWN FROM THE SIX YEARS THAT ARE SPENT IN MY SCHOOL BANDS AND CHOIRS. IF YOU ARE A MUSIC LOVER, GO DOWN TO CONCERTS TO COMPLETE THIS SEASON. CHECK OUT THE RECORDS ATTRACTOVER, THE BREWFEST AND THE COUNTRY FEST FEATURING ELI YOUNG BAND. JOIN IN THE FUN AT WATERFRONT.

Amaya Gustave: I AM AMAYA FROM FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL. I CHERISH THE TIME I SPEND WITH MY FRIENDS AND MY DOG WHO IS ALWAYS EXCITED TO SEE ME THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY AS THIS YEAR'S OFFICIAL CHARITY. THIS YEAR THE HUMANE SOCIETY IS CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES SO DON'T FORGET TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR FURY FRIENDS. INCLUDING A CANINE GRAND MARSHAL.

Anna Kien: I AM ANNA FROM WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, AND MY FAVORITE ROSE FESTIVAL EVENT HAS TO BE THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE. SEEING THE FACES AMONG THE CROWD. THE METICULOUS DETAILS OF THE FLOATS AND THE OVERALL EXCITEMENT AND ENJOYMENT KEEPS ME SMILING. COME AND SEE THE JOYFUL PERFORMANCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF THE SPECTACULAR SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO GRAND FLORAL PARADE ON SATURDAY JUNE 9 AT 10:00. WATCH FOR THE AMAZING HORSES, MARCHING GROUPS, MARCHING BANDS, DANCING GROUPS AND ALL FLORAL FLOATS.

SEE IT FOR YOURSELF FROM THE STREETS AND RESERVE SEATS AT THE SERENA'S MEMORIAL COLISEUM LIVE ON KPTV FOX CHANNEL 12.

Sidney Toops: I AM SIDNEY FROM CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL. MY FAVORITE ROSE FESTIVAL EVENT IS THE DRAGON BOAT RACE. BECAUSE I GET TO WATCH MY MOM RACE EVERY YEAR, PLUS THERE ARE TONS OF PEOPLE AND I LOVE THE ATMOSPHERE THERE. EVERYBODY IS HAPPY TO BE THERE. SEE THE RACE HELD ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER NEAR THE HAWTHORNE BRIDGE ON JUNE 9 AND 10. THE DRAGON BOATS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES THIS YEAR. COME AND CHEER ON THE KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON SUNDAY JUNE 24 AT THE CLASSIC ROSE FESTIVAL EVENT THE MILK CARTON BOAT RACE.

Mariamaou Abdoulaye: I AM MARIAMOU FROM BENSON HIGH SCHOOL. PLAYING HOCKEY IS A LIFESTYLE THAT MAKES ME HAPPY TO BE ME. MY HOBBIES ARE MODELING, DANCING, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEARNING ABOUT MY CULTURE AND OTHERS. I WOULD LOVE TO BLEND MY CULTURE WITHIN THE ROSE FESTIVAL. EXPRESSING YOURSELF IS WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY BY MARCHING OR DANCING DOWN TO THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE. IT IS SATURDAY, JUNE 9, AT 9:30:00 A.M. WEAR A FUNKY COSTUME OR A BRANDED T-SHIRT AS YOU WALK PAST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS.

Maya Bedge: I AM MAYA FROM WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTING THE METRO WEST REGION. MY FAVORITE PLACE IN PORTLAND IS MT. TABOR. I LOVE WALKING TO THE TOP AND LOOKING WEST TO DOWNTOWN. IT'S BREATHTAKING. THE TRAIL SPECIFICALLY AROUND THE WATER RESERVOIR AND THE GREEN SPACES MAKE IT A PLACE THAT I FREQUENT WHEN THE WEATHER DRIES UP IN THE SPRING AND THE SUMMER. PORTLAND'S NATURAL SPACES NEED PROTECTION BUT SO DO THE URBAN SPACES. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR SHARED ENVIRONMENT BY KEEPING THE CITY STREETS OF PORTLAND CLEAN AND GREEN. THE PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL HAS THE NAME THE CLEANEST AND GREENEST FESTIVAL. WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE POST-PARADE STREETS SPOTLESS FOR 20 YEARS.

Caitlin McCabe : I AM CAITLIN FROM WEST LINN HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTING THE METROEAST AREA. MY FAVORITE EVENT WOULD HAVE TO BE CITY FAIR BECAUSE IT DRAWS PEOPLE OUT FROM THEIR HOMES AND NORMAL WALKS OF LIFE TO JOIN TOGETHER IN ONE LARGE, EXUBERANT CELEBRATION OF PORTLAND AND IT'S PEOPLE. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CITY FAIR ON THE WATERFRONT FOR THREE WEEKENDS OF FUN. MAKE CRAFTS IN THE KID ZONE, HOP ON YOUR FAVORITE RIDES OR CHASE YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS WITH POKEMON. IT STARTS ON MAY 25 WITH OPENING NIGHT FIREWORKS.

Kiara Johnson: I AM KIARA FROM PARKROSE HIGH SCHOOL. I LOVE PORTLAND FOR ITS ARTISTIC EVENTS SUCH AS THE SATURDAY MARKET DO YOU NOTICE DOWNTOWN AND LAST THURSDAY. THE LIVELY VIBES OF BANDS

PERFORMING ON THE SIDEWALKS WITH BOOTHS LINING UP AND DOWN THE STREETS IS SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER. JOIN US THIS YEAR AS WE CELEBRATE THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSE FESTIVAL CLOWNS. THIS PROGRAM HAS CLOSE TO 140 PARTICIPANTS. THESE ORDINARY FOLKS TURN EXTRAORDINARY ENTERTAINERS REFLECT BOTH THE CONTEMPORARY CULTURE AND THE TRADITIONAL ART OF CLOWNING. THE CLOWNS ARE LED BY ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED AND PROFESSIONAL CLOWNS, ANGEL ACASIO, ALSO THE ROSE FESTIVAL CROWN PRINCE.

Rose Festival Court: THANK YOU FOR HOSTING THE 2018 ROSE FESTIVAL COURT. PRESENTED BY UNITED COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION. WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE ROSE FESTIVAL. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: YEAH.

Sydney Toops: I WANTED TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE COURT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HOSTING US. WE HAVE A FEW GUESTS. WE HAVE OUR 2018 PIN WHICH IS EXCLUSIVE TO OUR FAMILIES. EACH OF YOU WILL GET ONE, AND THAT REPRESENTS THAT YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE ROSE FESTIVAL FAMILY. AND WE ALSO HAVE OUR SIGNED POSTER WITH THE OFFICIAL HEAD SHOTS FOR YOU TO ENJOY AS WELL. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR HOSTING US.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] DO THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY PARTING WORDS OF GOOD LUCK FOR THESE LOVELY WOMEN? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU. WOW, I AM SO IMPRESSED, AND IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE SUCH YOUNG, ACCOMPLISHED WOMEN, IF YOU ARE THE FUTURE, I AM SO EXCITED. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.

Rose Festival Court: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I JUST WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK AND HOPE YOU REALLY TAKE ALL THESE EXPERIENCES YOU ARE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW TO HEART AND WITH THE RELATIONSHIPS YOU ARE MAKING WITH EACH OTHER. THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING OUR COMMUNITY SO WELL.

Rose Festival Court: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I AM INSPIRED AND I AM EXCITED ABOUT THIS THE FUTURE BECAUSE IF YOU ALL ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE, I AM GOING TO BE SO GLAD TO RETIRE BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO -- I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO TAKE IT AND HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK. THANK YOU FOR COMING. IS YOU COME EVERY YEAR, AND THIS IS SO AMAZING TO SEE ALL OF YOU FROM THE

DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND YOUNG WOMEN DOING GREAT STUFF. I AM INSPIRED IN A BIG WAY BY YOU ALL. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I JUST WANT TO SAY THE SAME THING, THAT THEY HAVE ALL SAID. YOU ARE INSPIRING AND IT JUST GIVES ME SO MUCH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST. YOU ARE AWESOME. THANKS AND ENJOY, HAVE FUN, AND IT'S GREAT SEEING YOU.

Commissioner Smith: CAN THEY COME BACK AND TAKE A PICTURE WHEN YOU GET FINISHED? WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU ALL TOOK THE TIME TO COME BY AND VISIT US.

Chair Kafoury: I WILL TELL YOU AND HAVE TO TELL YOU THE STORY EVERY YEAR. IT'S THE ONLY RACE THAT I HAVE EVER LOST WAS THE RACE TO BE ON MY ROSE FESTIVAL COURT FROM GRANT HIGH SCHOOL. AND I REALLY LOVE EMILY PERRY, SHE WON, BUT I STILL RESENT HER TO THIS DAY FOR WINNING AND NOT ALLOWING PLEA THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ON THE ROSE COURT LIKE YOU ALL DO. YOU HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY SO I LOVE GRANT AND I HAVE TO CHEER FOR GRANT BUT MY SON IS AT CLEVELAND SO I ALSO HAVE TO CHEER FOR CLEVELAND. A LITTLE TORN IN MY LOYALTIES. YOU ARE ALL GREAT, THANKS FOR WHAT YOU DO, AND CAN YOU COME BACK TO HAVE A PHOTO?

R.1 Proclamation Recognizing HIV Long Term Survivors Day. Sponsor: Commissioner Sharon Meieran, District 1. Presenters: Steven Headington, Fred Luna Let's Kick ASS, President & Co-Founder; Lee Girard, Aging, Disability & Veterans Services Division Director; and invited guests

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.1. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE SO PARISH AND YOU GOT A CHANCE TO MEET OUR AMAZING ROSE FESTIVAL COURT. WOW.

Steven Headington: THEY ARE AMAZING.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN DID YOU WANT TO KICK THINGS OFF?

Commissioner Meieran: I AM THRILLED TO KICK THINGS OFF TODAY. SO I AM VERY PLEASED TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD TODAY TO RECOGNIZE LONG-TERM SURVIVORS OF AIDS AND HIV I LEARNED MORE ABOUT THIS UNIQUE AND, THE UNIQUE AND COMPELLING EXPERIENCES, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND NEEDS OF LONG-TERM SURVIVORS IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THROUGH MY WORK ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S ANALYSIS. THAT'S WHERE IT STARTED AND THEN JUST BLOSSOMED FROM THERE. PRIOR TO THAT, MY EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN WORKING AS A PHYSICIAN IN THE ER, WHICH IS ONE TINY SLICE OF LIFE. AND I DID START, ALTHOUGH I WAS

NOT A PHYSICIAN AT THE TIME, BUT I WAS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND WORKED AT SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL IN THE EARLY -- LATE 1980S AND EARLY 1990S, SO SEEING A REAL EVOLUTION HERE, AND WHEN I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A DESIRE THAT STEVEN CAME TO ME AND SAID THERE IS A DESIRE TO RENEW THIS PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LONG-TERM SURVIVORS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I WAS JUST SO HONORED TO BE ABLE TO BRING THIS FORWARD. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO OUR PANEL. STEVE HEADINGTON AND FRED LUNA FROM LET'S KICK ASS OREGON, I WILL SAY IT BECAUSE IT'S AN ACRONYM, IT STANDS FOR AIDS SURVIVOR SYNDROME. LEE GIRARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES TODAY.

Steven Headington: THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN AND THE REST OF THE COUNCIL. COMMISSIONERS. I AM GRATEFUL THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THERE TODAY BECAUSE IT'S -- IT NEEDED TO BE UPDATED AND THE LAST PROCLAMATION DIDN'T TALK ABOUT THE LONG-TERM SURVIVORS. WE WANTED TO [INAUDIBLE] BUT MAKE IT LONG-TERM SURVIVOR WEEK BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT TO BE DONE. WE UPDATED SOME OF THE THINGS. I WILL NOT GO THROUGH AND READ IT. IT'S TWO OR THREE PAGES LONG. BUT I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT, YOU KNOW, SINCE YOU GUYS SIGNED THE FIRST PROCLAMATION IN 2014, IT WAS AMAZING BECAUSE WE WERE JUST A THOUGHT, WE WERE LETTING YOU KNOW THAT WE WERE THINKING OF FORMING A GROUP HERE IN PORTLAND. SINCE THAT TIME I WANT TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE OF THE PROGRESS THAT WE MADE AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DOING THAT BECAUSE YOU GAVE US A GREAT START, YOU GAVE US THE COURAGE TO KEEP GOING.

SO YOU WERE THE FIRST TO SUPPORT US IN THIS COUNTY. WE HAVE HAD WONDERFUL PARTNERS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. THE FIRST YEAR WE WERE JUST A COFFEE CLUTCH TRYING TO GET, TO FIND PEOPLE, AND SECOND YEAR STILL A COFFEE CLUTCH BUT WE STARTED GETTING SO MANY PEOPLE WE DECIDED TO BECOME AN ORGANIZED ORGANIZATION. SO WE WERE A NATIONAL GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT OF HIV AIDS, MEN, POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MEN AND WOMEN, TRYING TO FIND THE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF LIVING THROUGH AIDS, SINCE THAT TIME WHEN WE SIGNED THE FIRST PROCLAMATION, WE WERE KICK ASS PORTLAND, NOW WE ARE KICK ASS OREGON, STATEWIDE, AND WE HAVE EMERGED WITH OUR SISTER, PALM SPRINGS, AND WE WILL BE ONBOARDING THE ORIGINAL FOUNDER, TAZ ANDERSON, AND WE ARE GOING TO BECOME ONE. NOT ONLY ARE WE WENT FROM COUNTY, TO STATE, NATIONAL, AND TO LET YOU KNOW WE ARE GOING INTERNATIONAL. WE HAVE GONE TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. SOUTH AFRICA, THIS YEAR RIGHT NOW WE ARE IN GERMANY AS WE SPEAK. WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING WITH THE U.K. TO LIVE OUR PROGRAM TO THE U.K. IT WORKS DIFFERENTLY THERE. AND WE WILL BE STARTING A CHAPTER IN AUGUST OFFICIALLY IN AMSTERDAM.

SO WE HAVE GROWN IN THE FOUR YEARS SINCE IS YOU SIGNED THE PROCLAMATION SO THANK YOU. AND THEN ALSO I WANT TO, ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS, WE HAVE HAD GREAT COMMUNITY SUPPORT SINCE THE PROCLAMATION. ASKING OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES AND LEADERS TO SUPPORT US. WE HAVE HAD AARP OREGON, WHO IS ACTUALLY OUR SPONSOR AND PARTNER. WERE YOU PARTNER ON A LOT OF THINGS WITHIN, BUT THEY SPONSOR US, AND OUR OTHER PARTNER THAT WE CANNOT BE WHO WE ARE TODAY IS THE QWEST CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH. THEY HAVE BEEN ABOUT OUR BIGGEST SUPPORT, THEY ARE SUPPORTED US EVERY WEEK, THEY GIVE US OUR BUILDING TO DO WHAT WE NEED TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY. I CANNOT THANK THEM ENOUGH. AND ALSO THE Q CENTER AND SAGE, NATIONAL AND SAGE METRO PORTLAND HAVE BEEN A FULL-TIME PARTNER. LET'S KICK AS, THE DEFINITION WE ADDED, BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE ASKING WHAT A LONG-TERM SURVIVOR, IS BASICALLY IN A NUTSHELL, IT'S ANYBODY WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED POSITIVE FOR THE TEN PLUS YEARS BUT ALSO THOSE WHO ARE HIV NEGATIVE, BECAUSE WE CATER TO BOTH AND WE REALLY WANT TO REACH OUT TO THE PEOPLE LIKE COMMISSIONER MEIERAN WHO, I BET IF WE HAD A CONVERSATION WE MIGHT FIND OUT WHO IS A LONG-TERM SURVIVOR FROM WORKING IN SAN FRANCISCO BACK IN THE ERA, I AM SURE THAT'S AFFECTED HER.

Steven Headington: SO WE REALLY WANT TO REACH OUT TO THE CARETAKERS AND ACTIVISTS THAT SUPPORT US BECAUSE THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH THE SAME HARDSHIPS AS SOMEBODY DIAGNOSED. AND IN MANY CASES WERE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AS YOU WILL HEAR FROM FRED LUNA. I WANT TO THANK YOU. AND ALSO RYAN WHITE, IN THE BEGINNING, AMANDA HURLEY, WHO WORKS WITH RYAN. WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHE SAW THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO DO SOMETHING, AND SHE WANTED TO SO SHE CREATED A GRANT AND WE ARE IN THE THIRD YEAR, AND THAT'S BASED ON LONG-TERM SURVIVORS SO I WANT TO THANK MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SPECIFICALLY AMANDA HURLEY. AND MOST REMARKABLY AND THIS IS ONE REASON THAT I WANTED TO REDO THIS PROCLAMATION IS AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES. A DEPARTMENT THAT DOES NOT CATER OR TAKE CARE OF, EXCLUSIVELY HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE, IN 2017 REBECCA MILLER AND JACKIE AND AARON, WE HAD A CONVERSATION, AND I BELIEVE IT WAS WITH JIM CLAY, THEY CAME TO US, AND IT WAS AMAZING BECAUSE THEY TOOK IT ON A PERSONAL LEVEL. THEY HELD A COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION, THEY HELD THESE SESSIONS AND THEY HELD THEM IN PEOPLE'S HOMES AT GARDEN PARTIES.

WHAT AGENCIES DO THAT? THAT GO OKAY WE ARE GOING TO COME TO YOU. NOW CAN WE DO THIS, THEY HELD 18 OF THEM AND LISTENED TO APPROXIMATELY 500 FOLKS, LGBT AND LONG-TERM SURVIVORS, AND IT'S IN THERE, IN THE PROCLAMATION. NOW WITH THE OUTCOME OF THAT WAS LONG-TERM SURVIVORS ARE NOW A CULTURAL SPECIFIC GROUP WITHIN AGING AND DISABILITIES. THE FIRST IN THE NATION THAT WE COULD FIND,

WE'VE BEEN ASKING AROUND, DENVER, NEW YORK, AUSTIN, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS THE FIRST WE CAN FIND THAT HAS DONE THIS AMONGST A CULTURALLY SPECIFIC GROUP AND HAD FUNDING. [APPLAUSE] AND I WANT TO THANK LEE GIRARD FOR HAVING WONDERFUL EMPLOYEES AND ALLOWING THEM TO DO THAT.

Steven Headington: WE HAVE NEVER HAVE SEEN THAT BEFORE, EVER. SO, AND I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE THAT WROTE THIS. JIM COX AND CHAIR WROTE. THIS THIS WAS REDRAFT IN 2014. THE NEW PROCLAMATION WAS REDRAFTED BY FRED LUNA AND MARIE FISHER, AND ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT HAD INPUT, JACKIE TATE, REBECCA MILLER, AARON, LEE GIRARD, TONY KEMPER. AND AS WELL AS KATIE FROM COMMISSIONER MARION'S OFFICE. SO THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. I REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Lee Girard: GOOD MORNING, I AM LEE GIRARD, THE DIRECTOR FOR DCHS, AGING AND DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION. IT'S BOTH MY PLEASURE AND MY HONOR TO BE PARTNERING WITH LET'S KICK ASS, CASCADES AIDS PROJECT, FRIENDLY HOUSE SAGE, METRO PORTLAND, ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON, THE Q CENTER AND A GREAT MANY AS YOU CAN SEE, GENEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BETTER SUPPORT PEOPLE AGING WITH HIV AND AIDS LONG-TERM SURVIVORS. OUR DIVISION HELD LISTENING SESSIONS. WE HAD THREE THAT WERE SPECIFICALLY HAVING COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH, WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IMPACTED. WE HEARD FROM 75 PEOPLE DURING THESE SESSIONS AND LEARNED ABOUT THE WIDE VARIETY OF NEEDS THAT THE POPULATION HAS AROUND. THINGS LIKE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT, SOCIAL ISOLATION, AND JUST HELP WITH DOING THINGS LIKE NAVIGATING AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR FRIENDS AND FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. WHAT WE REALLY HEARD FROM PEOPLE WAS THAT HAVING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE TYPES OF SERVICES WAS REALLY GOING TO BE THE THING THAT WORKED BEST FOR THEM. AS IT DOES WITH MANY, WITH ALL OUR POPULATIONS. REALLY HAVING THAT SUPPORT WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITY AND HAVING THAT CONNECTION WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

SO AS STEVEN HAS MENTIONED, WE'VE BEEN TAKING ACTIONS. WE JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED A COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS, AND THIS WAS, AS STEVEN MENTIONED, THIS POPULATION WAS LISTED AS ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE PEOPLE COULD ACTUALLY WHY THE AND PROVIDE CULTURALLY-SPECIFIC SERVICES. AS A RESULT WE ARE FUNDING ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON, AND THEY ARE PROVIDING HOME DELIVERED MEALS FOR HIV AND AIDS LONG-TERM SURVIVORS, AND THROUGH THE CONTRIBUTION OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND, WE SPECIFICALLY WERE ABLE TO ACTUALLY EXPAND THE AGE RANGE FOR THIS

POPULATION TO MOST OF OUR FUNDING FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE 60 AND OLDER, AND WE WERE ABLE TO LOWER THE AGE RANGE TO 50 AND OLDER. SO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND MADE THAT POSSIBLE. [APPLAUSE] WE WERE ABLE TO EXPAND SERVICES THROUGH SAGE METRO PORTLAND, AND WE ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE FUNDING SOCIALIZATION AND CONNECTION SERVICES THROUGH THE Q CENTER. ALSO ALONG WITH PROVIDING FUNDING, WE'VE BEEN REALLY INTENTIONAL AROUND EXPANDING THE LANGUAGE OF HOW WE SERVE FAMILY CAREGIVERS AND PROVIDE FAMILY CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT.

Lee Girard: WE HAVE BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING THAT COMES DOWN FOR THOSE SERVICES. WE REALLY ARE VERY INTENTIONAL IN MAKING SURE THAT WE USE A BROAD DEFINITION SO THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SERVE WHATEVER THAT FAMILY MEANS, AND ALSO WE HAVE BEEN EXPANDING SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND AN HE DID-BASED PROGRAM CALLED PEARLS. THIS IS ANOTHER POPULATION RECEIVING OUTREACH TO THOSE SERVICES. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO STEVEN AND TO FRED AND OTHERS THAT ARE HERE TODAY. AND TO WORK WITH FOLKS AND CONTINUE THAT PARTNERSHIP INTO THE FUTURE.

Fred Luna: GOOD MORNING, I AM FRED LUNA, WHEN I MOVED TO OREGON, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS AN ORGANIZATION FOR PEER SUPPORT FOR NEGATIVE SURVIVORS FOR HIV AND AIDS. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT WE FELL INTO A CATEGORY UNTIL I GOT INVOLVED WITH THE KICK ASS OREGON. WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT NEGATIVE SURVIVORS OF HIV, AIDS, WE SEEM TO BE LOST IN THE CONVERSATION BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY PEOPLE THINK THAT WE DIDN'T GO THROUGH ANY OF THE SYMPTOMS OR THINGS THAT HIV POSITIVE OR AIDS PEOPLE WITH AIDS WENT THROUGH. SO JUST WHO ARE THE NEGATIVE SURVIVORS? WELL, WE ARE THE PARTNERS. WE WERE THE LOVERS. WE WERE THE CLOSE FRIENDS. WE WERE THE FAMILY MEMBERS. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS. HUSBANDS AND WIVES WHO ACTUALLY STEPPED UP DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE EPIDEMIC TO ASSIST OUR FRIENDS THAT WERE SICK. NOBODY ELSE WOULD. I REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN I COULDN'T GET MY FRIEND IN TO SEE MEDICAL PROVIDER. I REMEMBER WHEN WE COULDN'T FIND SOMEBODY TO BURY SOMEBODY OR EMBALM THE BODY.

THOSE ARE THINGS THAT WE, ACTUALLY, WENT THROUGH IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE EPIDEMIC WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT SAN JOSE STATE IN THE EARLY 1980S. WHEN YOU LOOK THE STRESSORS THAT HIV/AIDS PEOPLE GO THROUGH, IT MIRRORS WHAT A NEGATIVE SURVIVOR GOES THROUGH. WE SUFFER WITH DEPRESSION. WE SUFFER WITH ANXIETY. WE HAVE ANGER ISSUES. GUILT ISSUES. SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A HUGE PROBLEM. ISOLATION, YOU KNOW. SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE I LOST A LOT OF FRIENDS BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT I HAD HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE LIVING IN MY

HOUSE. SO YOU TEND TO BECOME ISOLATED AND YOUR CIRCLE GETS SMALLER AND SMALLER, AND OF COURSE I DO HAVE THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM SOCIAL TYPE ACTIVITIES. THERE WAS NO HELP FOR US IN THE EARLY STAGES. NOT LIKE THERE IS NOW. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY HELP ADDRESSING ANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES OR MEDICAL ISSUES THAT CAME WITH IT. A LOT OF US LOST OUR JOBS. LOST YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE. LOST HOUSING BECAUSE THAT'S, THAT'S JUST HOW IT WAS. I WAS FORTUNATE TO, YOU KNOW, TO HAVE A CAREER WHERE THAT WAS NOT A PROBLEM FOR ME.

Fred Luna: IT WAS A PROBLEM FOR A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE THAT I KNEW. OF COURSE LET'S NOT FORGET THE CHILDREN LOST IN THE PROCESS HERE. THEY, TOO, HAVE THE STIGMA OF HAVING A PARENT WHO IS HIV POSITIVE, AND OF COURSE, ALL THE MENTAL HEALTH STRESSORS THAT I TALKED ABOUT, ABOUT DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY, ISOLATION, THEY GO THROUGH THAT, TOO. SO WHAT DO I WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT LONG-TERM SURVIVORS. WE EXIST. WE ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY. WE DID NOT DIE. WE LOST A LOT. WE LOST FRIENDS. WE LOST PARTNERS. WE LOST OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S LIKE WE ARE YESTERDAY'S NEWS AND NOBODY SEEMS TO REMEMBER WHAT WE WENT THROUGH IN THIS EPIDEMIC. IN CLOSING I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR BEING THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE HIV AIDS, LONG-TERM SURVIVORS WEEK. THE FIRST IN THE NATION TO RECOGNIZE, YOU WERE THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE HIV, AIDS, LONG-TERM SURVIVORS DAY, SO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SEEMS TO BE LEADING THE CHARGE, AND WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF HIV AND AIDS POSITIVE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS FOR THIS PANEL? DOES ANYONE WANT TO READ THE PROCLAMATION?

Commissioner Meieran: I WILL READ THE KEY PORTIONS OF THE PROCLAMATION. IT IS A LONG AND FABULOUS PROCLAMATION. IT IS PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 AS THE ANNUAL HIV AIDS LONG-TERM SURVIVOR'S AWARENESS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS, AND I AM GOING TO START JUST AT THE BEGINNING AND THEN SKIP TO SOME OF THE, SOME OF THE, JUST THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE SAID. 37 YEARS AGO ON JUNE 5, 1981 THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL PUBLISHED A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF FIVE GAY MEN DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE FORM OF PNEUMONIA, PCP, INDICATING SEVERE COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS. IN ADDITION TO REPORTS OF CASES OF PCP AND OTHER OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTIONS AMONGST GAY MEN, CDC RECEIVED REPORTS OF A CLUSTER OF CASES OF A RARE AND AGGRESSIVE CANCER AMONG A GROUP OF GAY MEN IN NEW YORK AND CALIFORNIA. BY THE END OF 1981, 270 CASES HAS BEEN, HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AMONG GAY MEN WITH REPORTED 121 DEATHS INCURRED. THE LONG, I AM GOING TO READ MORE OF IT. I AM SORRY. I HAVE TO. I

THE LONG DELAYED AND INEFFECTIVE EARLY INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE IN THE EARLY 1980S HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY HISTORIANS AS AN EXAMPLE OF MONUMENTAL INJUSTICE, AND THE GRASSROOTS RESPONSE TO THAT INJUSTICE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A I DON'T -- GROUND-BREAKING MODEL FOR ALL COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TO COME. PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES MOST AFFECTED WERE CALLED UPON TO BE CARETAKERS, UNDER-TIE-BREAKERS, LOBBYISTS AND ACTIVISTS IN A CLIMATE OF NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS HAPPENING NOR WHEN IF EVER HELP WOULD ARRIVE. MANY TENDED TO BE -- MANY TENDED TO THE DYING AND BURIED THE DEAD WHILE THEY THEMSELVES WERE WAITING TO DIE. IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTY, PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RYAN WHITE, PART A PROGRAM, HOOD RIVER CLINIC AND STD, HIV, HCV PROGRAM AND THE OREGON HEALTH DIVISION, UTILIZE THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZING TECHNIQUES TO DEVELOP CULTURALLY COMPETENT RESPONSES TO THE EPIDEMIC, EVEN WHILE FACING RESISTANCE AND PUSHBACK FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE SCARED OR JUDGMENTAL.

Commissioner Meieran: IN OTHER PLACES, THERE WAS NOTHING. THE COUNTIES RYAN WHITE PROGRAM FIRST RECEIVED FUNDING 24 YEARS AGO. NOW 37 YEARS LATER WITH NEW TREATMENTS, HIV AIDS IS INCREASINGLY SEEN FOR THOSE NEWLY INFECTED, AS A MANAGEABLE, CHRONIC DISEASE. THOSE WHO HAVE SURVIVED THE DARKEST DECADES, FACE NEW MAJOR LIFE CHALLENGES. PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL ESTIMATE THAT 50% OF AMERICANS LIVING WITH HIV ARE OVER THE AGE OF 50, WITH PROJECTED 70% BY 2020. OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY SURVEILLANCE DATA SHOW THAT 51% OF OREGONIANS LIVING WITH HIV AIDS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY ARE OVER THE AGE OF 50, MANY OF WHOM ARE LONG-TERM SURVIVORS. IN 2017, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY AND VETERANS SERVICES DIVISION, ADVSD, ADDED LONG-TERM SURVIVORS AGING WITH HIV AIDS AS A TARGET POPULATION FOR ORGANIZATIONS APPLYING TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC SERVICES. THE SERVICES ARE TARGETED AT PEOPLE AGE 60 PLUS, BUT FOR HIV/AIDS LEVERAGE SURVIVORS, THE AGE WAS LOWERED TO 50 PLUS. HIV AIDS LONG-TERM SURVIVORS ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ACQUIRED HIV IN THE 1980S AND 1990S BEFORE THE ADVENT OF HIGHLY ACTIVE ANTI-RETROVIRAL THERAPY PREHART KIND OF THERAPY. HAVING HIV WAS CONSIDERED A DEATH SENTENCE.

LONG-TERM SURVIVORS ALSO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS BORN WITH HIV, THOSE WHO ACQUIRED THE VIRUS YOUNG AND ARE IN THEIR 20S AND 30S, AND THOSE WHO TESTED PAST 1996 AND HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH HIV FOR OVER STEP YEARS. ADDITIONALLY THERE ARE LONG-TERM SURVIVORS OF A DIFFERENT STRIPE. THEY ARE THE SURVIVORS WHO REMAIN HIV NEGATIVE. THEY WERE THE LOVERS, CARETAKERS, AND FRONT LINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS WHO STEPPED IN TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WITH HIV AND AIDS.

THEY, TOO, SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES AND EXPERIENCED THE SAME MENTAL HEALTH STRESSORS AS THOSE LIVING WITH HIV AIDS. DEPRESSION COMPLEX POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND TENDENCIES, ANXIETY, LACK OF FUTURE OH, AND NOT BEING ABLE TO IMAGINE GROWING OLDER ARE SOME OF THE SYMPTOMS INCREASINGLY SEEN IN LONG-TERM HIV AIDS SURVIVORS. BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. THIS HAS BECOME KNOWN AS THE AIDS SURVIVOR SYNDROME. STIGMA ALSO CONTINUES TO CAUSE ADDITIONAL STRESS.

Commissioner Meieran: A RECENT STUDY OF HIV STIGMA IN OLDER ADULTS WITH HIV FOUND THAT 96% REPORTED EXPERIENCING HIV STIGMA ITSELF AND 56% REPORTED EXPERIENCE EXPERIENCING REJECTION FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, CHURCH MEMBERS AND SEXUAL PARTNERS. INEQUITIES STILL EXIST IN INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES AND SYSTEMS. ALTHOUGH CURRENT MEDICATIONS ARE MOST OFTEN EFFECTIVE, NOT EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO THEM OR CAN AFFORD THEM, EVEN WITH HEALTH INSURANCE. NATIONAL GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT NAMED LETS KICK AS AIDS SURVIVOR SYNDROME HAS EMERGED TO NUMBER ONE, ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROFOUND EXPERIENCES AND UNIQUE ISSUES OF LONG-TERM SURVIVORS IS, WITH HIV POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE. TWO, TO CHALLENGE OUR COMMUNITY'S INSTITUTIONS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADDRESS THE SYMPTOMS OF AIDS SURVIVORS SYNDROME. THREE, TO DEMAND AN END TO DISPARITIES AND DISCRIMINATION. AND FOUR, TO TAP INTO THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE AND EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEARNED HOW TO SURVIVE AGAINST ALL ODDS. THE STATEWIDE CHAPTER OF THIS NATIONAL MOVEMENT IS CALLED LET'S KICK ASS OREGON. THE PORTLAND METRO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AREA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT IS NAMED LETS KICK ASS PORTLAND. IT'S THE INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF THE EXPERIENCES AND UNIQUE ISSUES OF LONG-TERM SURVIVORS, BOTH HIV POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE, MEN AND WOMEN, IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN FOSTERING A CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY AND REDUCING THE HEALTH DISPARITIES FOR DIVERSE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES. IT IS STILL NOT OVER. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM THAT THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 AS THE ANNUAL HIV AIDS LONG-TERM SURVIVOR'S AWARENESS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. CALL ON COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE THE HEALTH DISPARITIES, EXPAND CULTURAL COMPETENCY, AND TO TAP INTO THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND THE EXPERIENCE OF LONG-TERM HIV AIDS SURVIVORS. AND COMMIT TO SUPPORTING LET'S KICK ASS OREGON. ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY, 2018. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Smith: YES, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO THANK COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR THIS LEADERSHIP ON THIS. THIS IS A HUGE DEAL BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE DO FORGET. WE GET NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND WE THINK THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALWAYS LIKE THIS. SO YOU ARE SO RIGHT THAT ONLY TWO DECADES AGO HIV AIDS WAS LOOKED AT AS A DEATH SENTENCE TO THE SURVIVORS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS, AND THE ADVENT OF THE NEW DRUG THERAPIES HAVE ADDED LIFE, AND IT HAS ADDED HOPE, AND YET, AT THE SAME TIME, AT THE SAME TIME THE SURVIVOR GUILT, THE DEPRESSION HAS CREATED ANOTHER CRISIS THAT MUST CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED. I AM HEARTENED BY THIS PROCLAMATION TO SEE THAT THE PUSH FOR CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, CULTURALLY AWARE SERVICES AND PROVIDERS HAVE OCCURRED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE KNOW FROM OTHER BRIEFINGS PROVIDED BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT PEOPLE OF COLOR, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN-AMERICANS, STILL LAG BEHIND IN TREATMENT, IN OUTREACH, AND CONNECTION TO PROVIDERS. THIS SHOWS US THAT WE ARE, WE ARE MAKING SOME STRIDES TO REACH OUT ACROSS RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND GENDER AND AGE LINES IN ORDER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. I THINK THAT WE HAVE. I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APPLAUD YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO AND THE WORK THAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO FOR THE FUTURE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR BRINGING THIS LONG-TERM SURVIVOR'S DAY BACK. ALWAYS AWARENESS AND LEARNING NEW THINGS IS SO HELPFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS INFORMED. WHAT I REALLY LOVE, IT'S SO GREAT BEING THAT THE COUNTY AND LEE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TO HEAR THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS FOUND A HOME WITHIN OUR COUNTY, SO BEING A PIONEER IN THIS AREA IS JUST SO REWARDING TO BE PART OF THIS COUNTY BOARD. WHAT I REALLY APPRECIATED WAS THE CULTURALLY SPECIFIC AND APPROPRIATE SERVICES THAT YOU ALL HAVE TAKEN SUCH CARE TO ADDRESS AND THE OUTREACH, GOING TO PEOPLE'S HOMES AND THEIR GARDENS, AND I MEAN THAT'S WHAT IT IS ABOUT IS MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE, AND MEETING THOSE NEEDS. OFTENTIMES WE FORGET ABOUT THE CARETAKERS, THE FAMILIES, THE CHILDREN, THE FRIENDS, AND ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE SO IMPACTED, AND SO I JUST SO APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THIS TO US, EDUCATING US, AND KEEPING US AT THE FOREFRONT SO THAT WE CAN KEEP FIGHTING AND HELPING ALL THOSE THAT NEED OUR HELP, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO COMMISSIONER MEIERAN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, AND THANK YOU, ALL OF YOU FOR COMING FORWARD AND SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES AND REALLY ADVOCATING FOR THIS WITH THE BOARD. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE THE FACT THAT HIV AND AIDS IS NO LONGER A

LIFE THREATENING DISEASE, BUT A CHRONIC DISEASE IS WONDERFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE STILL STIGMAS, EXPERIENCES, AND IMPACTS THAT PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV WHO ARE -- OR HIV NEGATIVE SURVIVORS. I THINK THAT THE REWRITE OF THIS PROCLAMATION REALLY GOES INTO THAT HISTORY AND GOES INTO THE IMPACTS. I AM SO GLAD TO SUPPORT IT TODAY, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, DID YOU HAVE CLOSING COMMENTS?

Commissioner Meieran: I THINK I TOOK THEM ALL UP WITH READING THE PROCLAMATION. I JUST HAVE TO ADD A HUGE THANK YOU TO STEVEN FOR REALLY BEING THE INSPIRATION TO -- FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO SPONSOR THIS, SO THANK YOU IN THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE. AND TO FRED FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE AND STORY, WHICH IS SO PRO FOUND AND TO SUPPORT HERE IN THE AUDIENCE FOR BEING HERE. AND TO LEE, I WANT TO ADD JUST HOW AWESOME YOU ARE. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION, OFTEN, YOU KNOW, YOU HEAR LISTENING SESSION AND IT'S LIKE OH, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO COME AND LISTEN TO US. BUT YOU, ACTUALLY, LISTEN, AND IT'S SO APPARENT, AND, IN ALL THAT YOU DO, AND I JUST WANT TO COMMEND THE WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR DEPARTMENT HAVE DONE. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. I WANT TO THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS SPOKEN AND IS NOT JUST GOING TO BE QUIET. CONTINUING TO REMIND PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE OUT THERE, THAT YOU DESERVE TO BE APPRECIATED AND CONGRATULATED AND APPLAUDED. WE ARE HERE TO DO THAT FOR YOU. BOTH PEOPLE WHO ARE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT THE SURVIVORS AS BEING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THOSE WHO ARE LIVING WITH HIV AND AIDS. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY, ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TIME BECAUSE ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS GONE ON TO DATE, WHERE WE ARE AT THE POINT WHERE WE CAN SEE IN THE FUTURE THAT THERE COULD BE AN END TO NEW PEOPLE GETTING THIS. WE SEE THAT, AND YET WE HAVE A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHO IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO DESTROY ALL OF THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS COME TO DATE. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE, THE COMMUNITIES TAKE THE LEAD AND SAY THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO GO BACKWARDS. WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO LOOK FORWARD. WE ARE GOING TO END HIV AND AIDS AND WE ARE GOING TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE LIVING WITH IT TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

R.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCJ-18-18: Converts a Vacant Limited Duration Data Analyst to a 1.00 FTE Regular Position in Director's Office. Presenter: Kimberly Bernard, DCJ Research and Planning Manager.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. GOOD MORNING.

Kim Bernard: GOOD MORNING, FOR THE RECORD I'M KIM BERNARD. THE DIRECTOR OF THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING UNIT. I'M HERE SINGING A BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LIMITED DURATION DATA ANALYST AND CONVERTING THAT POSITION TO A REGULAR ONGOING DATA ANALYST. THIS POSITION WAS INITIALLY MADE POSSIBLE BY RESEARCH GRANT THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION TO EVALUATION THE TREATMENT READINESS STORM WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THEY ARE PLANNING AND RESEARCH UNIT. BASED ON THE HISTORY OF RECEIVING THESE GRANTS WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW THESE FUNDS AND THESE RESEARCH PROJECTS WILL BEST BE SERVED BY HAVING SOME CONTINUITY IN THE EMPLOYEE POSITION.

Chair Kafoury: EXCELLENT. WE HAVE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-08-18: Contingency Request for Local 88 Market Adjustment and Agreement Settlement Above Budgeted Amount. Presenter: Allen Vogt, Finance Manager. (5 min)

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. GOOD MORNING.

Rod Underhill: GOOD MORNING. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, WE ARE FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WITH ME IS THE FINANCE MANAGER, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO MR. VOTE TO ADDRESS THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Allen Vogt: THANK YOU. I'M HERE TODAY TO REQUEST GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO COVER PERSONNEL EXPENSE RELATED TO TWO ASPECTS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. THE 2016-2017 MARKET ADJUSTMENT TO SELECTED JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE SECOND COVERS THE IMPACTS OF THE RECENTLY RATIFIED 2020 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT. UNDER THE CONTRACT, THE COUNTY AND LOCAL AGREE TO REVIEW MARKET DATA AND -- THE RESULTING 2016 VIRGINIA 2017 MARKET ADJUSTMENT RAISED THE WAGE SCALE ON 8MCD A JOB CLASSIFICATIONS IMPACTING APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYEES AND INCREASED THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSES BY \$69,616 MORE THAN INITIALLY BUDGETED IN THE FISCAL YEAR. DUE TO THE MARKET ADJUSTMENT, ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RATIFIED A NEW 2017-2020

AGREEMENT THAT CONTAINS WAGE PROVISIONS WITH A 2.2 PERCENT COLA AND MINIMUM INCREASE OF 60 CENTS PER HOUR. THESE TERMS RESULT IN GENERAL FUND EXPENSES OF 24,501 MORE THAN BUDGETED FOR IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. SO TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE TWO ITEMS INCREASED THE MCDA PERSONNEL COSTS BY \$94,117. THEREFORE WE REQUEST GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY IN THAT AMOUNT TO BE ADDED TO THE FISCAL 2018 BUDGET.

Chair Kafoury: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE.

R.5 Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2021 between Multnomah County and the Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys Association (MCPAA). Presenter: Steve Herron, Labor Relations.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Steve Herron: GOOD MORNING, I SOME NAME IS STEVE HERRON, THE LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR TEMPERATURE MULTNOMAH AND I'M HERE TO PRESENT ON THIS RATIFICATION. AS I THINK YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN AN ARDUOUS BARGAINING, THERE WAS RECOGNITION BY BOTH SIDES OF THE UNIT WHAT'S BEHIND, BUT THE PARTIES HOTLY CONTESTED THE MAGNITUDE, AND THE METHODOLOGY THAT SHOULD BE USED. THERE IS A REALITY THE CBA LACKS ITEMS COMMON TO LABOR, CONTRACTS SUCH AS ADJUST CAUSE, ARBITRATION FOR DISCIPLINE AND SENIORITY BASED LAYOFF RIGHTS WHICH THE PARTIES HOTLY CONTEST ED IN THIS ROUND OF BARGAINING AND ALSO CONTESTED WHETHER THERE WERE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT COULD BE PERSUASIVE TO AN ARBITRATOR ON THOSE ISSUES, THE PARTIES REACHED COMPROMISE WHICH INVOLVES EACH PARTY MAKING CONCESSIONS THEY DON'T LIKE OR DON'T WANT TO MAKE, AND THAT IS IN FACT THE CASE TODAY.

I THINK EACH SIDE MOVED TO GET TO THE -- TO GET TO THE SETTLEMENT THAT WE REACHED. I WANT TO THANK THE TEAMS, THE ASSOCIATION BARGAINING TEAM. AND I WANT TO THANK THE COUNTY TEAM, JEFF HOUSE, KIRSTEN SNOW DEN, JEFF FROM BUDGET AND JAMES FROM MY OFFICE. BASICS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE THERE'S A COLA OF CPI PLUS MARKET ADJUSTMENT FOR EACH OF THE FOUR YEARS AND AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE SALARY SCHEDULE THAT INVOLVES ADJUSTMENT AND THE STEP S. IT ESTABLISHES A LONG EVE TEE PREMIUM AND ESTABLISHES JUST CAUSE AS THE STANDARD FOR TERMINATION. IT ESTABLISHES A RIGHT TO BUMP INTO A LOWER CLASSIFICATION IN THE LAYOFF CIRCUMSTANCE. AND IT -- ESTABLISHES MOVEMENT OF THE UNIT ONTO THE MODDA AND KAISER PLANS IN 2020 THAT ARE THE ONES WE HAVE BARGAINED FOR OTHER UNITS TO MOVE ONTO. IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS, I'M HAPPY TO FIELD THEM AT THIS TIME

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS FOR STEVE OR THE D.A.? CONGRATULATIONS ON GETTING THIS DONE, I KNOW IT WAS A LONG AND DIFFICULT BARGAINING SESSION, BUT YOU'VE COME TO AN AGREEMENT, AND I APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS ADOPTED.

R.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DA-09-18: Contingency Request for MCPAA Agreement Settlement Above Budgeted Amount. Presenter: Allen Vogt, Finance Manager

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS, APPROVAL OF R.6.

Rod Underhill: IF I MIGHT, ROD UNDERHILL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY ONCE AGAIN WITH ME IS FINANCE MANAGER MR. VOTE. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR HAVING JUST RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS FOR WHICH I WORK WITH, THEY'RE SOMETHING -- INDIVIDUALS I'VE KNOWN, OF COURSE, FOR MANY OF WHICH MY ENTIRE CAREER, COULDN'T BE MORE HAPPY WE HAVE MOVED INTO THIS NEXT CHAPTER OF RECOGNIZING THEIR GOOD WORK AND PROVIDING APPROPRIATE PROTECTIONS, RELATIVE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT I HAVE MR. VOTE HERE TO ADDRESS THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONTRACT

Allen Vogt: WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY OF \$369,607. TO COVER THE 2 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR 2018. THAT WAS NOT ANTICIPATED IN OUR ADOPTED BUDGET.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THIS IS THE BUDGET MODIFICATION. IT'S ADOPTED, THANK YOU.

R.7 BUDGET MODIFICATION # NOND-11-18: Contingency Request for Expenses Related to Eagle Creek Fire Response. Presenter: Adam Brown, Senior Budget Analyst.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7.

Adam Brown: GOOD MORNING. ADAM BROWN FROM THE BUDGET OFFICE PRESENTING YOU WITH THE CONTINGENCY REQUEST FOR \$256,000 RELATED TO EXPENSES INCURRED BY OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO THE EAGLE CREEK FIRE. SO AS YOU KNOW, ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017, THE FIRE WAS STARTED ON THE EAGLE CREEK TRAIL IN EAST COUNTY. THAT EVENING, MULTNOMAH STAFF FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES, AND OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BEGAN COORDINATING EFFORTS TO ENSURE COUNTY READINESS FOR A RESPONSE, WITHIN 48 HOURS, THE FIRE HAD TRAVELED OVER 13 MILES AND

GROWN TO OVER 20,000-ACRES AND BY THE EVENING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, MULTNOMAH HAD ESTABLISHED A FULLY ACTIVATED EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER IN TROUT DALE.

Adam Brown: FOR THE NEXT 14 DAYS THE 24-7EOC COMMUNICATED RESPONSE EFFORTS AND DISSEMINATED INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC AND THE MEDIA AND OTHERWISE FACILITATED SUPPORT PROVIDED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES, LOCAL FARM AGENCIES AND THE COMMUNITY. DEPUTIES AND VOLUNTEERS WENT DOOR TO DOOR TO INFORM RESIDENTS OF CALLS FOR EVACUATION WHILE A MULTI AGENCY SISTER FACILITATED THE EVACUATION OF MORE THAN 1100 MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS. AS A RESULT OF THESE EFFORTS, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INCURRED EXPENSES RELATED TO PERSONNEL OVERTIME AND SUPPLIES AS DEPUTY RESCUED HIKER S, SECURED EVACUATION AREAS AND COORDINATED COMMUNICATION EFFORTS AND DELIVERED SUPPLIES. THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN OCCURRED EXPENSE RELATED TO PERSONNEL, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES AND CONTRACTED SERVICES. NONE OF THESE EXPENSES CAN BE COVERED WITHIN THESE OFFICES EXISTING RESOURCES, THROUGH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTY RADIO, THEY HAVE SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, BUT ANY REIMBURSEMENT IS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2019 OR LATER. WITH THAT, I CAN TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION. WHAT IS THE LIKELIHOOD LOOK LIKE OF US GETTING REIMBURSED BY FEMA?

Adam Brown: I DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF THE LIKELIHOOD FROM THE FOLKS THAT SUBMITTED THE REQUEST, WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH YOU ABOUT THAT. I'D BE HAPPY TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

Commissioner Stegmann: IT'S MONEY WELL SPENT. IT'S A BARGAIN, THE TREMENDOUS EFFORT THAT THE COUNTY DID, THANK YOU ALL OUR SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND THE EOC AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS, IT WAS JUST AN AMAZING EFFORT, AND IT REALLY SHOW SHOWED HOW WE NEEDED THE COUNTY JUST SPRANG INTO ACTION AND THIS IS VERY VALUABLE EFFORT AND I'M HAPPY TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF SAVING PEOPLE'S LIVES AND PROPERTY.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.8 Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge Project. Presenters: Ian Cannon, Transportation Director/County Engineer, Megan Neill, Engineering Services Manager 1, and Heather Catron, HDR Project Manager.

Chair Kafoury: HELLO, BRIDGE TEAM.

Bridge Team: GOOD MORNING.

Ian Cannon: ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM IAN CANNON, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. AND WITH ME ARE HEATHER KATRAN, THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE PROJECT CONSULTANT AND MEGAN NEILL, THE ENGINEERING MANAGER AT THE BRIDGE SHOP, AND WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE BURN SITE. THE LAST TIME WE WERE BEFORE THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY TALKING ABOUT THIS PROJECT WAS JANUARY 2017, SO IT'S BEEN A WHILE. AND SINCE THEN, WE HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS. TODAY WE ARE GOING TO REFRESH MEMORIES ABOUT THE BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE COUNTY'S OVER ALL APPROACH. WE ARE GOING TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY SO FAR. SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPTIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE RISING TO THE TOP IN OUR FEY FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DISCUSS OUR AGGRESSIVE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN FOR THE SUMMER TO GET INPUT ON THE SHORT LIST OF OPTIONS, AND WITH THE GOAL OF THE BOARD APPROVING THIS SHORT LIST OF OPTIONS IN THE FALL. SO WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE NEW YORKER AND OTHER PLACES ABOUT THE SEISMIC RISKS OF THE BIG ONE OFF THE COAST.

THIS HAS BEEN A BIG DRIVER FOR US, ALSO RECENTLY THEY CAME OUT WITH AN UPDATED STUDY ABOUT THE SEISMIC RISKS. AND ALL OF IT PAINTS A PICTURE THAT WE REALLY NEED TO BE ADDRESSING THIS. OUR 2015 WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE UPDATED KNOWLEDGE ACT SEISMIC ACTIVITY AND ROUGHLY HALF OF THAT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO THAT'S ABOUT A \$1.3 BILLION PLAN. HALF OF THAT IS ADDRESSING THE SEISMIC ISSUES OF THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES, THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THAT EFFORT IS THE BURN SIDE BRIDGE. IT IS A REGIONAL LIFELINE. AND IT'S RIGHT IN THE HEART OF OUR REGION, RIGHT IN THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY. SO THAT'S WHERE WE ARE FOCUSING OUR ENERGY FIRST. THE GOALS OF THE PROJECT IS TO CREATE A SEISMICALLY RESILIENT CROSSING FOR THE COMMUNITY. PROVIDE A MULTI MODAL FACILITY THAT WILL FUNCTION WELL BEFORE AND AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, CONTRIBUTE TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, AND COMMUNITY RECOVERY IN THE LONGER TERM AFTER THE BIG ONE AND THEN HAVING TO DEAL WITH A BRIDGE THAT OPENED IN 1926. POSITION 12.

SPECIFICALLY, IT IS INTENDED TO RESULT IN A SHORT LIST OF OPTIONS TO BE EVALUATED IN MUCH GREATER DEPTH DURING THE REVIEW PHASE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. THE OVERALL SCHEDULE, IT GOES OUT FOR QUITE A WHILE, PROBABLY AROUND THE TIME I'M ANTICIPATING RETIRING IS THE END OF THAT SCHEDULE. SO IT'S QUITE A WHILE. AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE OUR

MAINTENANCE PROJECT, REALLY JUST PUTTING BAND-AIDS ON THE BRIDGE TO KEEP IT SERVICEABLE, WHILE WE WORK ON WHAT THE LONG- TERM PLAN IS. THE FIRST STEP OF THE LONG-TERM EFFORT IS THE STEP WE ARE IN RIGHT NOW, THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND THEN THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP FROM CHAIR KAFOURY'S OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AND THE GREAT WORK FROM OUR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STAFF, LOOK S LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE SEEMLESSLY FORWARD INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PHASE. THAT WILL BE OUR ACTIONS THAT WE ARE TAKING NOW, AND AS WE ARE ROLLING FORWARD, WILL BE KIND OF JUST ROLLING RIGHT INTO THAT AND ENABLING US TO MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

Chair Kafoury: I DO LIKE HOW THE SECURE FUNDING IN BLUE IS REALLY BIG.

Ian Cannon: FORTUNATELY, THE LENGTH OF THAT BAR, GETS US MORE TIME TO WORK ON IT NEXT PHASE. WE HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS ON THE FUNDING THAT ALLOWS TO US KEEP MOVING FORWARD. WE NEED TO KEEP CHIPPING AWAY AT THAT. SO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOING ON FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS, PLUS OR MINUS FROM NOW, AND THEN AFTER THAT, WE WILL ALL BE WELL, WE WILL MOVE INTO THE DESIGN PHASE AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY. AND THEN HOPEFULLY ROLL RIGHT ON INTO CONSTRUCTION. WHETHER THAT'S MAJOR REHABILITATION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE OR SOME SORT OF REPLACEMENT FACILITY. AND WITH THAT, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. OKAY. THEN WE'LL LET HEATHER TAKE IT AWAY.

Heather Catron: THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO JUST HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR KEY MILESTONES FOR THE PROJECT. SO WE KICKED THE PROJECT OFF IN THE FALL OF 2016, DURING OUR PROJECT INITIATION, WE WERE REALLY FOCUSED ON EARLY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING OUR PROJECT PURPOSE AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. FROM THERE, WE MOVED INTO OUR PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT, WHERE WE REALLY STARTED WITH A BLANK SLATE OF POSSIBILITIES, MEGAN WILL SPEAK MORE SPECIFICALLY TO THIS IN A MOMENT, BUT WE STARTED WITH OVER 100 OPTIONS. WE HAD THREE SCREENING STEPS THAT HELPED US TO NARROW IT DOWN TO AROUND 26. WE ARE GOING TO BE GOING OUT TO THE PUBLIC THIS SUMMER TO BE GETTING FURTHER INPUT AND BACK IN FRONT OF THE COMMISSION IN THE FALL. LOOKING FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF THAT RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES TO MOVE IT FORWARD INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS THAT IAN JUST MENTIONED. SO I'M GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND OUTREACH. AS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT, WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGING WITH THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE HAD A STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH, AS WELL AS THE SENIOR AGENCY STAFF GROUP AND A POLICY COMMITTEE, WE HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED SOME TECHNICAL GROUPS THAT

HAVE HELPED US WORK THROUGH SOME ISSUES LIKE SEISMIC DESIGN CRITERIA.

Heather Catron: SO WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE AS FAR AS OUR OUTREACH. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE TOOLS WE HAVE BEEN USING, ALONG WITH OUR PROJECT WEBSITE, WE HAVE HAD PROJECT VIDEOS AND ANIMATIONS, AS WELL AS TOOLS LIKE PROJECT FACT SHEETS, WE HAVE ONLINE EVENTS, PODCASTS AND OTHER TYPES OF TOOLS THAT WE HAVE USED TO ENGAGE OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND OUR PUBLIC. WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE, TO DATE WE HAVE HAD 11 COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WE HAVE HAD OVER 69,000 VIEWS OF OUR VIDEOS. I HAVE TO SAY THE MAJORITY OF THOSE WERE OF THE ANIMATION THAT WE SHOWED THE LAST TIME THAT WE WERE HERE THAT HAS RAISED A LOT OF INTEREST IN OUR PROJECT. WE HAVE HAD OVER 40 STAKEHOLDER BRIEFINGS, WE HAVE AROUND 400 PEOPLE ON OUR STAKEHOLDER LIST THAT RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROJECT. WE HAD A RECENT ONLINE OPEN HOUSE WHERE WE HAD ABOUT 1800 PEOPLE VIEW THAT AND HAD A SURVEY THAT WAS PART OF THAT WE HAD AROUND 230 RESPONSES TO. SOME OF THE LOGOS THAT YOU SEE ARE JUST KIND OF A REPRESENTATION OF THE GROUPS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGING WITH THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS. AS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE HEARD, FROM THE PUBLIC -- NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE.

SO PEOPLE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN RESILIENCY, HAVING A BRIDGE IN DOWNTOWN PORTLAND THAT IS FUNCTIONAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANARCHY, IS SOMETHING WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF INTEREST AND SUPPORT FOR. THERE'S INTEREST IN THE EVERY DAY USE OF THE BRIDGE, HOW DO WE ACCOMMODATE MULTI MODES, WHAT ARE WE DO TO BE PREPARED, HOW DO WE FIT INTO THE LARGER REGIONAL PLANS THAT ARE ONGOING, THERE'S A SENSE OF URGENCY, HOW CAN WE DO THIS FASTER. WHEN WE SHOW THAT SCHEDULE, PEOPLE ASK US, ARE THERE THINGS WE CONSIDERED TO MOVE FORWARD FASTER. THEN HISTORY. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE HONOR THE PAST, PEOPLE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE ARE BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. AND BEFORE MEGAN GETS INTO HER PART OF THE PRESENTATION, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS THAT I CAN ANSWER?

Chair Kafoury: ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR? OKAY, THANK YOU.

Megan Neill: I'M GOING TO WALK -- I'M MEGAN NEILL, I'M AN ENGINEERING MANAGER IN THE BRIDGE SECTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION. I'M THE COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER AND LIAISON FOR THIS PROJECT. I'M GOING TO END WITH A PRESENTATION BY WALKING EVERYONE THROUGH OUR PROCESS. SO HOW DID WE ORIGINALLY COME UP WITH THE NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES THAT WE THEN SCREENED DOWN TO A SMALL GROUP THAT WE HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL ADOPT LATER IN THE FALL. SO WHEN WE BEGAN, WE CREATED A FRAMEWORK THAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU BY WHICH WE CREATED OVER 100 ALTERNATIVES. AND THAT FRAMEWORK WAS

BASICALLY DEVELOPING FIVE GROUPS, FROM WHICH ALL OF THOSE ALTERNATIVES COULD BE CATEGORIZED, THE FIRST ONE IS PRESERVE, SO JUST CONTINUE THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST 92 YEARS. AND THEN POTENTIALLY ADDING ON AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE, LIKE A FLOATING BRIDGE OR A WATER TAXI. THE SECOND GROUP IS A 100 PERCENT FULL SIZE RETROFIT.

Megan Neill: TAKE THE CURRENT BRIDGE TODAY AND BRING IT UP TO CURRENT SEISMIC CODE. AND THEN NEXT WE HAVE A SUITE OF REPLACEMENT ALTERNATIVES, A VARIETY OF FIXED, MOVABLE AND EVEN A TUNNEL ALTERNATIVE. AND THEN FOURTH, WE HAVE A HYBRID GROUP, WHICH ARE A COMBINATION OF REPLACE AND RETROFIT OPTIONS. THEN FINALLY, WE HAVE ENHANCE ANOTHER CROSSING. SO WE LOOKED AT OTHER CROSSINGS ALONG THE WILLAMETTE RIVER AND EVALUATED AGAINST THE BURNSIDE CROSSING TO SEE IF WE ARE MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE WITH THE BURN SIDE. SO ULTIMATELY ANSWERING THE QUESTION, WHY NOT ANOTHER BRIDGE SO IN ADDITION TO THIS THESE FIVE CATEGORIES, FIXED BRIDGES WAS A TYPE WE WERE EXPLORING. WE EXPLORED A RANGE OF FIXED BRIDGE, WE BOUND THEM BY A LOW FIXED OPTION OF 97-FOOT CLEARANCE WHY SO 120-FOOT CLEARANCE. WHILE WE DON'T KNOW THE ACTUAL VERTICAL CLEARANCE NEEDED UNTIL WE DO SOME FURTHER EVALUATION, WE FEEL LIKE THIS IS A GOOD PLACE TO START. AND THEN WE ARE ALSO EXPLORING THE EXISTING VERTICAL ALIGNMENT AS WELL AS, AGAIN, THAT TUNNEL OPTION, WHICH HAS TO NAVIGATE BELOW THE EXISTING COMBINED OVER FLOW PIPES THAT THE CITY BUILT.

WE ALSO EXPLORED A VARIETY OF HORIZONTAL ALIGNMENTS. WHAT IF THE BRIDGE WAS BUILT TO THE NORTH OR THE SOUTH OR WHAT IF IT WAS A TWIN BRIDGE. LOOKING AT A VARIETY OF WAYS TO CROSS THE RIVER OTHER THAN JUST THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT. AND THEN WITH THOSE OVER 100 ALTERNATIVES, WE DEVELOPED A THREE-STEP SCREENING PROCESS BY WHICH A LARGE COMPONENT OF THE THIRD AND FINAL STEP WAS SCREENING THE FINAL ALTERNATIVES AGAINST SIX EVALUATION CRITERIA, WHICH DID TWO THINGS, ONE, IT -- IT HELPED US DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN EACH ALTERNATIVE SO WE COULD ELIMINATE A GROUP. AND THEN ALSO, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY INCORPORATE THE COUNTY'S VALUES INTO THE SCREENING PROCESS. AND THE FIRST ONE, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IS SEISMIC RESILIENCY, SO DOES THE ALTERNATIVE, CAN THE ALTERNATIVE WITHSTAND THE SUBDUCTION ZONE EARTHQUAKE, TWO, NONMOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION, HOW WELL DOES THE ALTERNATIVE ALLOW FOR SPACE ACCESS, FOR BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. AND THEN CONNECTIVITY. SO HOW WELL DOES THE ALTERNATIVE CONNECT BACK INTO THE EXISTING CITY GRID SYSTEM. THEN 4TH, EQUITY.

SO WHAT IF THE IMPACT OF THE ALIGNMENT ONTO HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES AND HOW DOES IT PROMOTE ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION? THEN 5TH, THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT, WHERE THE

IMPACTS OF THE ALIGNMENT TO PARKS AND HISTORIC RESOURCES AND THEN FINALLY, FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP. SO WHAT ARE THE UPFRONT CAPITAL COSTS AS WELL AS THE LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE COSTS. SO AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE REALLY FOUND THAT THERE ARE FOUR ALTERNATIVES THAT REALLY ROSE TO THE TOP, AND PROVIDED DIVERSE POOL OF A RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES THAT WE WILL BE GOING TO TALK TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS SUMMER TO REALLY CONFIRM THAT ASSUMPTION.

Megan Neill: I'LL GO INTO EACH ONE A LITTLE BIT IN DETAIL IN THE NEXT SLIDE, BUT IN GENERAL, WE HAVE ONE ALTERNATIVE, WHICH IS AN ENHANCED SEISMIC RETROFIT. UN-WIDENED, SO WE FEEL THIS REPRESENTS THE CHEAPEST SOLUTION, WHICH WE KNOW THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO KNOW. AND THEN WE HAVE THREE REPLACEMENT OPTIONS, AND THEY ARE A LOW MOVABLE BRIDGE IN THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT TODAY AND THEN THAT 97-FOOT HIGH FIXED BRIDGE ALSO ALONG THE EXISTING ALIGNMENT AND A LOW MOVABLE BRIDGE THAT HAS A WISHBONE LEG ON THE EAST SIDE REALLY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EXISTING HUGE CUP LET WHERE THE STREETS ARE GOING ONE WAY ON THE EAST END OF THE BRIDGE. SO JUST TO KIND OF EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT WE MEAN BY THE ENHANCED SEISMIC RETROFIT, I HAVE TWO PHOTOS SHOWING FIVE I5 RUNNING UNDERNEATH. THE EAST APPROACH. AS YOU CAN SEE THE LANES OF I-5 WERE BUILT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY NEARLY TOUCH THE EXISTING PIERS OF THE BRIDGE. WHEN WE ARE LOOKING AT THE IMPACTS TO I5, THAT WOULD COME WITH GETTING DOWN INTO THOSE EXISTING FOUNDATIONS AND RETROFITTING THEM, WE FOUND IT BETTER TO JUST REPLACE THE SPANS OVER I5 AND THEN THE RAILROAD. SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT MAGNITUDE OF IMPACT TO I5 IS A NO GO FOR OUR DESIGN TEAM. SO THE ENHANCED SEISMIC RETROFIT MEANS KEEPING ROUGHLY 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE AND THEN HAVING NEW SPANS OVER I5. NEXT WE HAVE THE LOW MOVABLE BRIDGE. SO.

Chair Kafoury: MISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON HAS A QUESTION.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENT DETERMINE IN ADDITION OF THIS INCLUDED WIDENING OR NON WIDENING IN THIS PROCESS.

Megan Neill: YEAH, WE LOOKED AT BOTH WIDENING AND NOT WIDENING, WE FEEL IN THE SHORT LIST OF ALTERNATIVES THAT WE WOULD ONLY SUPPORT -- ONLY MAKE SENSE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE UN-WIDENED RETROFIT, SIMPLY BECAUSE THAT IS THE LOWEST COST OPTION TO ACHIEVE OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES, ALL THE REPLACEMENT ALTERNATIVES, HOWEVER, ARE WIDEN ED. SO, SECOND, WE HAVE REPLACED THE BRIDGE WITH THE LOW MOVABLE BRIDGE AND FOR REFERENCE, I HAVE TWO NEW STATE OF THE ART MOVE ABLE BRIDGES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT RECENTLY IN THE WORLD, JUST AS SORT OF WHAT-IF SCENARIO ON THE LEFT, YOU HAVE CANADA'S LARGEST SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE BUILT IN VICTORIA, BRITISH

COLUMBIA, THE JOHNSON STREET BRIDGE, AND ON THE RIGHT IS A VERTICAL LIFT BRIDGE IN BORDEAUX, FRANCE.

Megan Neill: SO, AGAIN, JUST REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ART MOVABLE BRIDGES AS OF TODAY. THEN THIRD, IS THE FIXED BRIDGE, AND TO THE RIGHT I JUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE CONCEPT OF WHERE THE BRIDGE WOULD BE BUILT IN RELATION TO THE EXISTING BRIDGE, AND THEN TO THE LEFT IS A VIEW, IT'S UNDERNEATH THE HAWTHORNE APPROACH VIADUCT, JUST OUTSIDE OUR DOOR HERE, YOU CAN KIND OF SEE THE ADDITIONAL IMPACTS THAT A FIXED BRIDGE CAN HAVE ON CITY FLED. THE FIXED BRIDGE ACTUALLY LANDS IN THE SAME PLACE ON THE EAST AS IT DOES TODAY. I COMES IN ABOUT THREE MORE BLOCKS ON THE WEST SIDE. FINALLY, I HAVE REPLACE THE BRIDGE WITH A LOW MOVABLE BRIDGE, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CUP LET. I HAVE HERE SOME VIEWS YOU MAY HAVE. RATHER THAN TAKING THE TIGHT S CURVE ONTO THE BRIDGE, YOU WOULD JUST GO STRAIGHT THROUGH THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE THERE TODAY. SO THAT'S WHAT WE MEAN BY THIS ALTERNATIVE. AND THEN LAST, JUST WANTED TO TOUCH A LITTLE BIT ON COST. SO WHILE WE DON'T KNOW TODAY WHETHER IT'S FEASIBLE TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE TO FULLY TO TRAFFIC OR TO HAVE SORT OF FLOW DURING CONTRADICTION, WE ARE ESTABLISHING A COST FOR A TEMPORARY MOVABLE BRIDGE LIKE YOU SEE BEFORE YOU ON THE RIGHT.

IT'S SORT OF AN ERECTOR SET STYLE STRUCTURE THAT WOULD BE IN PLACE DURING CONSTRUCTION. THE DARK BLUE COLOR IS THE COST OF AN ALTERNATIVE IF YOU CHOOSE TO CLOSE THE BRIDGE DURING CONSTRUCTION AND THAT ADDITIONAL GRAY BAR IS IF WE WERE TO HAVE SOME AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC FLOWING IN THIS SLIDE WE ARE SHOWING THE PRELIMINARY COST OF THOSE FINAL 26 ALTERNATIVES THAT WE SCREENED SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THIS IS TOTAL PROJECT COST. SO INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY, DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND CONSTRUCTION AND THE COSTS ARE ESCALATED TO ABOUT MID-YEAR OF THE ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION TIME LINE. AND I HIGHLIGHTED FOR YOU WHERE THOSE FOUR ALTERNATIVES THAT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE PUBLIC LATER THIS SUMMER, AND THEY FALL IN ABOUT THE 550 TO \$700 MILLION RANGE. IN CLOSING, I WANTED TO MENTION SOME KEY TAKE-AWAYS FOR THIS PRESENTATION. ONE, WAS RESILIENCY IS REGIONAL. IT REQUIRES CLOSE COLLABORATION THROUGH MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS, AS WELL AS WITHIN COMMUNITIES, AND THE COUNTY IS PROACTIVELY DOING SOMETHING BY SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT. PEN TWO, WE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS AS I MENTIONED, WE SCREENED OVER 100 ALTERNATIVES DOWN TO FOUR THAT WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THIS SUMMER.

THIS SUMMER WE PLANNED TO HAVE A LARGE, ROBUST OUTREACH PROCESS, INCLUDING IN PERSON OPEN HOUSES, ONLINE OPEN HOUSES, IN PERSON BRIEFINGS AND UPDATING ALL OF OUR MATERIALS AND THEN LAST,

WE HOPE TO COME TO THIS GROUP IN THE FALL WITH THE FINAL LIST OF SHORT RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE WE HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS. WITH THAT, WE'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, TO WE HAVE QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS. GO AHEAD.

Commissioner Meieran: I WAS THE BENEFICIARY OF ONE OF YOUR INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS. SO IT WAS SO IMPRESSIVE HOW YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ALL OF THIS TOGETHER AND CONVEY IT SO WELL, AND I JUST, AS ALWAYS, JUST AMAZED AND BLOWN AWAY BY THE ENGAGEMENT THAT YOU HAVE CONDUCTED SO THAT YOU REALLY HAVE INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY. REALLY GREAT JOB, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THIS AND WANT TO ALSO THANK COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON FOR ALL OF HER WORK ON THIS AS WELL. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: GO AHEAD.

Commissioner Stegmann. THANK YOU FOR THE BRIEFING AND THANK YOU FOR THE WORK, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, PLAID AM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON FOR LEADERSHIP ON THIS, AND FOR THE BRIEFING BECAUSE IT IS NOT A QUESTION IF, THE ISSUE IS WHEN WE HAVE THIS CASCADE SUBDUCTION EARTHQUAKE, AND I THINK PREPARING FOR IT RIGHT NOW AND GETTING A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT IT'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE AND COST, THAT'S A HUGE DEAL. I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION, IAN. IF I UNDERSTAND YOU CORRECTLY, THAT 30 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE PROJECT IS DUE -- WILL BE DUE TO INFLATION BECAUSE OF THE -- ALL THE BUILDING, I LOOK AROUND THE CITY AND SEE ALL THESE CRANES AND THAT'S A GOOD THING, SO IS THAT WHERE THE 30 PERCENT IS COMING FROM?

Ian Cannon: IT'S JUST THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT. SO IF YOU THINK ABOUT INFLATION, SAY, FOR ROUND NUMBERS, WE SAID 3 PERCENT PER YEAR FOR TEN YEARS, IT'S 30 PERCENT, SO JUST THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT CAUSES THE COSTS TO ESCALATE QUITE A BIT.

Commissioner Smith: WELL, THAT MAKE MAKES SENSE, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH IN OUR PROJECTION OF CONTINGENCY OR WHATEVER WE NEED TO MAKE IS PROJECT COMPLETE. WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF OUR BRIDGES, WE HAVE THE CELL WOODBRIDGE BUT NEED ONE OF OUR WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES TO BE STABLE AND STEADY FOR US, I WANT TO MAKE SURE ALL THE PROJECTIONS

ARE RIGHT ON SO WE MAKE SURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT RESOURCES THERE. THANK YOU FOR BEING REALLY DILIGENT ABOUT THIS. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING I THINK PEOPLE WANT TO TALK ABOUT, BUT WE HAVE TO TALK ABOUT IT. IT JUST MAKES SENSE, THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE BRIEFING TODAY. IT'S GREAT TO BE AT THIS STAGE, I THINK AND WANTED TO TAKE SOME TIME TO APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK THAT'S GONE INTO GETTING US TO THIS PHASE. YOU KNOW, I THINK THE COMMISSIONER SMITH, WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING MINDFUL OF THE ONGOING COST IS IMPORTANT. THERE ARE DEFINITELY DISCUSSIONS HAPPENING AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL OF THE PROJECTS AND CHANGES TO THAT WHICH COULD SPEED UP OUR TIME LINE POTENTIALLY, WE NEED TO BE FOCUSED, OUR EYE ON THE BALL IN TERMS OF GETTING THAT FUNDING SECURED, KNOWING WHAT THE BIG NUMBER IS GOING TO BE FOR THIS PROJECT BASED ON THE DIRECTION WE DECIDE TO GO WITH THE REPLACEMENT, AND THEN BE WORKING FOR THAT AND COMMUNICATING THAT VERY CLEARLY AND EARLY. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT, YOU NO KNOW, THIS TAKES A LOT OF PEOPLE, I THINK WE HAVE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB WITH THE PUBLIC OUTREACH SO FAR, BUT THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INCREDIBLY COMPLICATED PROJECT AND IT'S GOING TO REALLY CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE THINK ABOUT GETTING ACROSS THE BRIDGE AND FEELING SAFER AND MORE SECURE, BUT I THINK EVEN MORE SO, GOING TO THE NEXT STAGE, WE NEED TO CONTINUE THAT WORK IN REACHING OUT TO GROUPS AND GETTING PEOPLE'S OPINIONS AND MAKING SURE WE EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT WE ARE UNDERTAKING, I KNOW LOOKING AT THIS, NOT JUST FIXING THE BRIDGE, BUT REALLY HOW CAN WE USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE SEISMIC RESILIENCY OF ALL THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF OUR CITY AND COUNTY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT WE KEEP THIS IN THE FRONT OF MIND AND THE URGENCY TO DO THIS PROJECT, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO PARTNER WITH YOU ON THAT PROJECT

Chair Kafoury: AND AS -- WITH EVERYTHING WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE LOOK TO OUR VALUES AND WHILE IT MAY JUST BE A BRIDGE PROJECT, IT'S A CHANCE TO DO A LOT OF GOOD IN THE COMMUNITY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT, IS THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE TRIBES, AND I KNOW THAT WE HAVE PUT A FOCUS ON THAT FOR THIS PROJECT, EVEN ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WE DO ON THE CELL WOOD. WANTED TO GET AN UPDATE ON HOW THAT'S GOING?

Heather Catron: SURE. SO LAST SUMMER, WE MET WITH ANNA MARIE IN YOUR OFFICE TO DISCUSS OUR TRIBAL COORDINATION AND OUTREACH WE MET WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NAYA. NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH. WE ARE WORKING WITH OUR AGENCY PARTNERS, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THEY HAVE ONGOING GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WITH THE

TRIBES, AND THEY'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE PROJECT WITH THE TRIBE S IN THOSE MEETINGS. AS WE ENTER INTO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PROJECT, WHERE WE ARE UNDER A FEDERAL PROCESS, WE ARE DEVELOPING A MORE FORMAL TRIBAL COORDINATION PLAN WE'LL BE IMPLEMENTING AS WELL.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, APPRECIATE THAT. JUST WANT TO ECHO WHAT FOLKS HAVE SAID. YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH WORK REALLY SO FAR, IT'S AMAZING TO THINK OF WHERE WE STARTED WITH ACTUALLY NO OPTIONS, THEN 100 OPTIONS AND NOW DOWN TO FOUR. WONDERFUL, GREAT WORK, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT BEREAVING.

Heather Catron: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: WE ARE GOING TO DO A C2 BEFORE WE DO THE PROCLAMATION, SO WE CAN END ON ANOTHER HIGH NOTE WITH A FABULOUS PROCLAMATION.

C.2 RESOLUTION Authorizing the Annual Designation of a Housing Allowance for Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Chaplains.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND APPROVAL OF C.2.

Stephanie Prybyl: GOOD MORNING, FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS STEPHANIE AND I SERVE AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. WITH ME IS KEZIA WARNER OUR NEW CHIEF OF BUSINESS SERVICES, AND I'LL LET HER SPEAK TO THIS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Kezia Warner: GROWN, FOR THE RECORD, I'M KEZIA WARNER, MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BRINGS THIS RESOLUTION BEFORE THE BOARD ANNUALLY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS ONE FULL-TIME LONG-TERM CHAPLAIN AND ONE NEW PART-TIME MEMBER, TOGETHER THEY MANAGE OUR CLAP LAND PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES OVER 50 VOLUNTEERS FROM VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS, THEIR SERVICES HELP ADULTS IN CUSTODY AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEMBERS ALIKE. OUR CHAPLAINS NEED BOARD RECOGNITION TO FILE THEIR TAX RETURNS, THEIR SERVICE MAKES THEM ELIGIBLE FOR A HOUSING ALLOWANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL CODE AND I.R.S. PROVISIONS, WITH YOUR APPROVAL, OUR NEWEST MEMBER WILL COLLECT UP TO \$200,400 OF PRORATED ALLOWANCE FOR THIS TAX YEAR. TO CLARIFY, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT PROVIDE HOUSING FOR THIS MEMBER, WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

Commissioner Smith: YES. \$2,400 ANNUALLY OR A MONTH?

Kezia Warner: \$400 PER MONTH.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY, THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? THANK YOU, THANKS FOR COMING FORWARD THIS MORNING. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.9 Proclaiming May 2018 as Asian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in Multnomah County. Sponsor: Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann, District 4. Presenters: Alma M. Ouanesisouk Trinidad, PhD, MSW Associate Professor, School of Social Work, PSU; Lilian Ongelungel, Communications and Event Manager, Greater Than; Jes Phillips, Community Organizer/Youth Mentor.

Chair Kafoury: SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE IN WAITING THIS MORNING. I'LL GET STARTED AS OUR SPEAKERS COME UP, THANK YOU, CHAIR, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO BRING FORTH THIS PROCLAMATION FOR A SECOND YEAR TO CELEBRATE THE AMAZING CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESILIENCE OF OUR PACIFIC AND ASIAN ISLANDERS COMMUNITIES. AS A KOREAN AMERICAN AND THE FIRST ASIAN TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, TODAY'S PROCLAMATION IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL TO ME. IT IS WITH GREAT PRIDE AND EXCITEMENT TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE API COMMUNITIES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY ALONE IS HOME TO OVER 60,000 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. AND YET, MANY TIMES THE ISSUES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES ARE GLOSSED OVER. WHILE I AM PROUD OF MY KOREAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER ETHNIC GROUPS, WHO ARE BOTH VERY DIVERSE IN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. UNFORTUNATELY MUCH OF THE DATA COLLECTED ON US WOULD IMPLY THAT WE ARE ONE HOMOGENOUS GROUP. WE ARE NOT. AND THE MORE WE CAN DISAGGREGATE THE DATA AND ANALYZE THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES THAT FACE OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THE BETTER WE CAN CLOSE THE DISPARITIES.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO WORK TOWARD IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR OUR ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES. IT STARTS WITH AWARENESS AND A GRASSROOTS EFFORT. WE NEED ADDITIONAL API COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED BY VOLUNTEERING, RUNNING FOR OFFICE, EXPANDING OUR NETWORKS AND MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD AT MEETINGS OF LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS. THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS CAN AND DO RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT POLICY SHIFTS TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC BARRIERS. WHICH IS WHY I WAS SO PLEASED TO SEE THE PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY EQUITY STUDY INCLUDED IN THE CHAIR'S PROPOSED BUDGET THIS YEAR. THANK YOU CHAIR. TODAY, WE WILL HEAR FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE INSPIRATIONAL ADVOCATES, SCHOLARS, AND STORYTELLERS IN OUR API COMMUNITIES.

Chair Kafoury: I SO APPRECIATE THEIR PRESENCE HERE TODAY AS WE PAY RESPECT TO OUR DIVERSE HERITAGES AND ETHNICITIES. BY HONORING OUR ROLES IN HISTORY, WE ARE ABLE TO REFLECT ON OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PAVE THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS WITHIN OUR API COMMUNITIES. JANET: GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS JANET QUIROZ AND I AM THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND POLICY ANALYST FOR COMMISSIONER STEGMANN'S OFFICE. I'M JOINED TODAY BY JES PHILLIP, LILIAN ONGELUNGEL, AND ALMA M. OUANESISOUK TRINIDAD WHO WILL EACH SHARE ABOUT WHAT MAKES THIS MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE API COMMUNITIES SO SPECIAL. I WILL THEN READ THE PROCLAMATION AND WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND CONTINUED CONVERSATION IN ROOM 112 AT THE BACK OF THE BOARD ROOM.

Lilian Ongelungel: I'M LILLIAN ONGELUNGEL. FIRST I WANTED TO SAY, GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR ALL, COMMISSIONERS, CHAIR, FOR LISTENING TO US AND MAKING SPACE FOR US, THIS IS NOT MY FIRST RODEO HERE. I OFTEN TELL PEOPLE I HAVE PALAU N BY BOARD AND PORTLANDER BY BIRTH, I AM VERY MUCH A PRODUCT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WANT TO SHARE A LITTLE STORY ABOUT THAT. MY CONNECTION, MY FIRST MEMORY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. MY VERY FIRST MEMORY I CAN EVEN FATHOM WHEN I WAS TWO OR THREE AND IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CLINIC ON MLK. I WAS OPENING A LITTLE CLOSET AND PICKING OUT TOYS AND I WAS JUST SO HAPPY TO PICK OUT THESE TOYS AND BE THE LITTLE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BABY SHOWING OFF MY TEETH IN THIS CLINIC, I REALIZED EVEN BEFORE I WAS THERE, AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BABY RUNNING AROUND AND IRRITATING PEOPLE, I WAS PART OF THE PALAUAN COMMUNITY, IT STARTED OFF SMALL, BUT WE GATHERED AND FOUND EACH OTHER. MY PARENTS AND A FEW OF THEIR FRIENDS HAD A PICNIC AT DELTA PARK YEARS AGO WE OUTGREW IT. AS OF NEXT MONTH, WE'LL BE CELEBRATING THE 31ST ANNUAL AGREERING OF PALAUAN AMERICANS. IT'S THE LARGEST GATHERING OF US OUTSIDE OF PALAU. THAT'S A REALLY BIG DEAL.

I'M SO PROUD IT'S CONNECTED HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT BEFORE THAT,. A VERY STRONG PACIFIC ISLANDER PRESENCE. AND BEFORE THAT, THERE WAS THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN POPULATION. AS WELL AS WITH OTHER SETTLERS WHO ARE NOT NATIVE TO THIS SPACE, BUT THAT HAPPENED IN THE 1800S, IT'S SO INCREDIBLE TO HAVE SUCH A LONG LEGACY OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS PRESENT IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BUT ALSO HAVE THIS RECOGNITION THAT WE ARE STILL PEOPLE THAT THRIVE, THAT LIVE AND DO EVERYTHING WE NEED TO DO IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TODAY. BUT I TELL YOU THIS LONG STORY TO BRING IT BACK TO MAY 19, SATURDAY, THIS PAST SATURDAY. AND I WANT TO SHARE THAT UTOPIA, PORTLAND, THE UNITED TERRITORIES OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS ALLIANCE, THE STATE'S FIRST EVER LGBTQ ORGANIZATION DEDICATED COMPLETELY TO THE PACIFIC ISLANDER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY. WE HELD OUR FIRST EVER PACIFICA HEALTH FAIR AND DURING THIS HEALTH FAIR, WE WERE SO SUPPORTED AND SURROUNDED BY PEOPLE WHO HELPED THE COMMUNITY IN DIFFERENT

WAYS TO OFFER HEALTH SERVICES TO PACIFIC COMMUNITIES, WHO OFFER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO PACIFIC COMMUNITIES THAT DESPERATELY NEED IT, BECAUSE WE ARE OFTEN OVERREPRESENTED IN THE U.S. MILITARY AND WE HAVE NOWHERE TO GO AFTER ALL OF THE TRAUMA, ALL OF THE HURT AND INJURIESES WE SUSTAIN IN THE MILITARY FOR A COUNTRY THAT SOMETIMES DOESN'T RECOGNIZE US WHEN WE RETURN FROM THOSE WARS.

AS A PORTLANDER, AS A PROUD MULTNOMAH COUNTY PRODUCT MYSELF, I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE THAT MOST OF OUR VENDORS OR INFORMATION BOOTH THEY WERE HELD AND FOR ME TO HAVE TO COME BACK TO THIS PLACE AFTER BEING IN THE MILITARY MYSELF, AFTER STUDYING ABROAD AND DOING ALL THESE THINGS, I COME BACK HOME AND SEE THAT SHOW OF SUPPORT, IT'S REALLY MEANINGFUL FOR ME, I HOPE THAT SUPPORT CONTINUES FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDERS PEOPLE AND WE STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE HERE WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A LEGACY AND I WOULD LOVE TO BE PART OF THAT IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Jes phillips: HI, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T KNOW. GOOD DAY IN MY NATIVE TONGUE. TODAY IS A LITTLE BIT SPECIAL BECAUSE.

Chair Kafoury: SAY YOUR NAME?

Jes Phillips: YEAH, I'M JES PHILLIPS. SO TODAY'S A LITTLE BIT SPECIAL BECAUSE FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY I LOST MY DAD. SO SITTING HERE MEANS A LOT TO ME. I'M FROM ONE OF THE KOVA ISLAND NATIONS. MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF OREGON LIVING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY SINCE OCTOBER OF 2008. MY STORY AS A YOUNG LEADER, ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBER STARTED OUT AS SOMEONE WHO WAS REJECTED COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND NOT QUALIFIED TO WORK IN THE U.S. DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING OF MY CITIZENSHIP STATUS. I HAD TO DEAL WITH A LOT OF MESS, TRYING TO EXPLAIN MYSELF EVERY DAY THAT I COME FROM A PARTICULAR COMMUNITY WHICH HAS A SPECIAL TREATY TO THE UNITED STATES THAT ALLOWS ME TO WORK AND GO TO SCHOOL WITHOUT REQUIRING PROOF OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. I WAS KIND OF TIRED OF DOING ALL THESE UNNECESSARY THINGS TO PROVE MY CITIZENSHIP STATUS, DEALING WITH IT AS MY EVERYDAY PROBLEM WHEN I FIRST MOVED HERE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY TIRED.

I COULDN'T IMAGINE LIKE MY PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THESE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH AS WELL. THEREFORE I ALSO REALIZED THAT I CAN JUST KEEP UP AND LET IT BE BECAUSE ALL I SAW WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE WAS A HOPELESS -- AFTER DAYS AND NIGHTS OF ME NEVER GIVING UP, TEACHING PEOPLE WHO I AM AND CORRECTING OTHERS FOR THE

MISUNDERSTANDING OF RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE U.S., I FEEL THE NEED TO REPRESENT THE VOICE OF THE HOPELESS COMMUNITY THAT I COME FROM. I BECAME AN ADVOCATE, AND BY BECOMING AN ADVOCATE, I STARTED ON MY OWN BY EDUCATING PEOPLE OF WHO WE ARE, FOUNDING A STUDENT CLUB AT MY COLLEGE AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ME AND MY FELLOW ISLANDERS. AS THEY TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY DON'T GO THROUGH THE SAME THING I WENT THROUGH AS A MICRONESIAN COLLEGE STUDENT HERE IN OREGON. I BELIEVE ONE OF THE BIGGEST STEPS THAT LITERALLY OPENS UP A LOT OF TOURS FOR ME AND CONNECTS ME DEEPER TO MY API COMMUNITY WAS TO TAKE ON AN INTERNSHIP ROLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH INCLUDES CHANGE AND -- WHEN I CAME BACK FROM MY INTERN, I HAVE REALIZED A LOT OF THINGS MY COMMUNITY NEEDS ME TO DO.

Jes Philips: AS PASSIONATE AS I AM WHEN IT COMES TO YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, I REALIZE OUR PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH ARE THE MOST UNDER REPRESENTED IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY. AND IF WE TALK ABOUT DISPARITY AND BARRIERS, I'M GOING TO NAME A FEW FOR OUR PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH. IN THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I READ AN ARTICLE A FEW YEARS AGO STAT ING THAT PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH AT THE HIGHEST RATE OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT ON THE ENTIRE WEST COAST. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT LIKE TODAY, IF THE RATIO HAS IMPROVED OR CHANGED, BUT AS SOMEONE WHO WORK ED WITH YOUTH AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, I SENSE THE LACK OF RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS. I ALSO GET A CHANCE TO REACH OUT TO A FEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT WHAT YOU FEEL LIKE BEING A PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND BEING A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT LACK OF RESOURCES, LACK OF REPRESENTATION OF LIKE EMPLOYEES OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS. SO I'VE SEEN IMPROVEMENT, BUT I THINK LIKE FOR PACIFIC ISLANDER YOUTH SPECIFICALLY, WE NEED MORE RESOURCES. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH SPECIFICALLY. OR MENTORSHIP FOR ELDER PEOPLE TO OUR OWN STUDENTS. SO LIKE JUST HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH YOUTH AT THE SCHOOL I WORK WITH OR OTHER YOUTH I JUST VOLUNTEER AND ENGAGE WITH THEM, A LOT OF THEM NEED SUPPORT AT THE SCHOOL, I JUST WANT TO BRING IT TO THE TABLE. I SEE A LOT OF CHANGES SINCE LIKE 2008 WHEN I FIRST MOVED HERE, I SEE A LOT OF SUPPORTS FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY WHICH I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. AND THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Alma Trinidad: ALOHA. I'M DR. ALMA TRINIDAD, AND I GREETED YOU IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, HAWAI'IAN, WHERE THAT'S MY BIRTH PLACE AND HOME STATE. OAKANA, A FILIPINO DIALECT, THAT'S WHERE MY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ARE FROM AND LAU, MY PARTNER'S LANGUAGE AND DIA ELECT FROM LAU. IT IS SUCH AN UTMOST PRIVILEGE TO BE SPEAKING IN FRONT OF YOU. MANY OF YOU ARE MOTHERS, LAWYERS, PAVING THE WAY FOR OUR PACIFIC ISLANDERS AND COMMUNITIES OF COLLEGE, SUCH AS

PRIVILEGE AND SUCH AN HONOR TO SEE MANY FACES HERE THAT LOOK LIKE ME AND ARE IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS. I WAS BORN AND RAISED ON MOLOKAI BOTH ON MY PATERNAL AND MATERNAL SIDE WORKED IN THE PINEAPPLE AND SUGAR INDUSTRIES, MY FATHER WORK ED IN THE PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY EVEN THOUGH AS THE RETIRED PERSON WORKING FOR DEL MONTE FOR OVER 40 YEARS, HE DECIDED TO STILL WORK FOR THE AGRICULTURE COMPANY, MONSANDTO. A LOT OF THIS LIVED EXPERIENCE LET TO ME BEING HIGHLY AWARE OF THE INJUSTICES MANY PACIFIC ISLANDERS FACE ACROSS THE NATION AND INTERNATIONALLY.

Alma Trinidad: I'M HERE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME KEY MESSAGES THROUGH MY -- I'M A PROFESSOR, SO I TEACH IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AT PORT LAND STATE WHERE THE UNIVERSITY SITS ON YOUR COUNTY AND WE ARE A UNIVERSITY THAT PULLS IN FUTURE HELPING PROFESSIONS TO BE EDUCATED AND HOPEFULLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. I WANT TO SHARE THREE MAJOR POSITIONS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SERVE ON MANY BOARDS IN YOUR COUNTY, JUST TO NAME A FEW, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, API FORWARD, EDUCATION NORTHWEST AND OUR NEWEST FORMATION, FOUNDATION OF PHILLIPINE PROGRESS. BEFORE GOING TO WITH THE THREE LESSONS OR KEY MESSAGES, I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HIGHLY IDENTIFY WITH A STANCE CALLED P9 SCHOLAR, WARRIOR, ALOHA. P9 MEANING FILIPINO AMERICAN, WARRIOR, I GUESS YOU CAN SAY A STEWARD AND GUIDER OR A PROTECTOR AND THEN MALAHAWYA, WHICH MEANS LOVE AND FREEDOM. SO I COME BEFORE WITH YOU AT THESE THREE MESSAGES. AGAIN, COMING FROM MY WORK AS A SCHOLAR. THE FIRST MESSAGE MAYBE AIMED FOR YOU AND OTHER WHO IS WORK FOR THE COUNTY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE A ROLE.

Alma Trinidad: WHEN DESIGNING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AIMED FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, WE NEED TO HOLD DEAR THE HUMAN DIGNITY, HOW ARE WE SEEING AN API INDIVIDUAL IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR FAMILY AND THEIR COMMUNITY. HOW CAN WE, FACILITATE AND CREATE SPACE AND CONTEXT FOR THEM TO LIVE WELL. TO FIND LOVE AND TO FIND JOY. IN THIS PLACE. IT REQUIRES US TO HUMANIZE THEIR EXPERIENCES, TO HUMANIZE THE STRUGGLES THAT THEY FACE, TO HUMANIZE THE TRAUMA THAT PLANE OF THEM HAVE MADE THEIR NEW HOME HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT MEANS ACKNOWLEDGING A LOT OF THE HISTORICAL TRAUMA. CONTEMPORARY TRAUMA THEY EXPERIENCED AND MULTIPLE SYSTEMS THAT THEY MAY FACE. IT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOMETIMES THEIR LEGAL STATUS MAY LIMIT THEM BEING SEEN AS HUMAN. AND IT ALSO REQUIRES US TO LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY THROUGH A LIFE COURSE OR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE, SEEING HOW THEY THRIVE FROM BIRTH TO DEATH. AND ALWAYS LOOKING AT THE HUMAN LIFE AND THE DIGNITY OF LIFE. SO MY SECOND MESSAGE, OUR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Alma Trinidad: EACH OF US HAVE THEM. FROM THE PERSON THAT PROBABLY GREETES THE PERSON AT THE AIRPORT TO THE RECEPTIONIST THAT STARTS WITH CHECKING THEM IN TO THE POLITICIAN, TO THE SERVICE PROVIDER, TO LAWYERS AND MANY PEOPLE WHO MAKE MAJOR DECISIONS THAT IMPACT THE HUMAN LIFE. ARE WE INTEGRATING THE CULTURAL VALUES OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ARE WE LIFTING UP THEIR VOICES, ESPECIALLY THE VOICES OF THE MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBER, ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, WHO ARE MORE RECENT AND PROBABLY EXPERIENCING THE TRAUMA AT THE MOMENT AND TIME AS THEY WALK THROUGH THE SYSTEMS THAT THEY INTERFACE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARE WE INTENTIONALLY BEING AWARE, AND I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT THIS COUNTY IS BEING INTENTIONAL AND INCLUDING DIVERSITY, INCLUSION AND EQUITY WORK, I'M REALLY PROUD FOR YOU ALL FOR DOING THAT BUT ARE WE CONTINUOUSLY AND INTENTIONALLY LOOKING AT AND BEING AWARE OF POWER AND PRIVILEGE IMPLICIT BIASES, THE STEREOTYPE THREATS THAT MANY OF OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUTH, OUR PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS EXPERIENCE ARE WE BREAKING DOWN THE SAVIOR MENTALITY AND THE PRIVILEGE MENTALITY THAT PLANE OF US FACE. ARE WE DECOLONIZING OUR MINDS AS WE ENGAGE WITH MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, OUR LAST MESSAGE, MY LAST MESSAGE IS IN REGARDS TO RESEARCH AND DATA.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MANY, MANY REPORTS AND RESEARCH THAT YOUR COUNTY HAS DONE AND INCLUDING SOME OF THE PARTNERSHIPS YOU HAVE DONE WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND OUR NEWPORTLANDER PROGRAM AND PORT LAND STATE, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GREAT ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH. BUT HERE'S SOME CONTINUING THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. ARE WE CONTINUING TO DECOLONIZE RESEARCH AND DATA, ARE WE CONTINUING TO DECOMMODIFY THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE? ARE WE HUMANIZING THESE EXPERIENCES AND THESE VOICES OF PEOPLE THAT WE RESEARCH ON. DO I WANT TO INVITE US TO CONTINUOUSLY TO LOOK AT DATA-J AS IMPORTANT TO HIGHLIGHT DISPARITIES AND GAPS, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, LOOKING AT HOW PAST RESEARCH AND PAST DATA HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN A TOOL TO CONTROL OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO SORT OF UNPACK THAT DISTRUST THAT MANY OF US MAY HAVE. THE PERCEPTIONS OF DATA ON THE PERCEPTIONS OF RESEARCH. AND I ENCOURAGE US TO REFRAIN WHAT DATA AND RESEARCH IS AND TO ALSO INVITE AND WELCOME THE COMMUNITY TO SHAPE VARIABLES, REDEFINE THEM, BRING MEANING TO THESE THINGS SUCH AS INCLUDING THINGS LIKE HOMELESSNESS, GAPS IN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND HEALTH OUTCOMES. INVITE OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO UNPACK THE MEANING OF THOSE VARIABLES AND THAT DATA.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE AND CREATE PARTICIPATORY PROPHECIES THROUGHOUT THE RESEARCH PROCESS ON WHAT RESEARCH MAY MEAN FOR OUR COMMUNITIES, AND EVERY PART OF WHAT RESEARCH IS ABOUT, RESEARCH QUESTION TO DEVELOPING RESEARCH DATA SET TO THE VARIABLE TO THEN FINDING, INTERPRETING THE FINDINGS AND TO COMING UP WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND

PROGRAMS I TO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF THE FABULOUS WORK THAT YOUR COUNTY HAS DONE, INCLUDING THE WORK OF DR. EILEEN, WHO IS A GREAT COLLEAGUE WHO WORKS IN YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COALITION. DR. SWETTA. I ENCOURAGE US TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT. THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME. ALOHA, MAHALO. I LOOK FORWARD TO US BUILDING OUR COMMUNITIES, ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES, AS WELL AS THE OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.

Chair Kafoury: GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION FOR US.

[Janet Quiroz read the Proclamation into the record.] [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD.

Commissioner Stegmann: I KNOW THIS IS YOUR SECOND TIME BACK THIS MONTH BECAUSE OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY EOC HAVE THEN 2018 ASIAN AND PACIFIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION CALLED ENLIGHTEN AND EMPOWER, AND SO THANK YOU, LILLIAN, THANK YOU. DR. TRINIDAD AND THANK YOU JES AND GREAT JOB, JANET. AND THEN I JUST WANTED -- I HAVE THIS LOVELY PICTURE FROM LILLIAN, IT'S YOUR DAD THAT PAINTED IT. COME BY MY OFFICE, IT'S HANGING UP IN THE HALLWAY, BUT THERE'S A PALAUAN PROVERB, WHICH WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL, IT SAYS A GOOD LEADER IS LIKE THE RAIN THAT CALMS A HECTIC SEA. YOU ALL ARE SUCH PHENOMENAL LEADERS, I WANTED TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING AND BEING HERE TODAY. DON'T FORGET, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A DELICIOUS LUNCH, SO PLEASE STAY.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS PROCLAMATION, IT IS ALWAYS WONDERFUL WHEN WE GET TO HONOR AND LIFT UP OUR COMMUNITIES IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND I JUST -- I REALLY APPRECIATE YOU COMING HERE TODAY AND SHARING SOME OF YOUR STORIES AND PRIORITIES FOR YOUR COMMUNITIES. I -- I THINK THAT WE ARE MAKING SOME GAINS, THANKS TO ADVOCACY FROM PEOPLE AND PEOPLE USING THEIR VOICES, WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE IN 2015, WE SET UP THE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AND OUR LEGISLATURE HAS CONTINUED TO FUND THAT, I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE. THE WAYS THAT OUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ISN'T STEPPING UP, WE ARE DOING THAT IN OUR STATE AND COUNTY AND EVEN TAKING THE STEPS TO DESEGREGATE DATA. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE WORK TO DO AND LOOK FORWARD TO DOING THAT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY AND CONNECTION TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY AND GROWING COMMUNITY OF ASIAN COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE PRESENTERS FOR YOUR WORK ON HELPING TO RAISE THE

AWARENESS OF WHAT THE COMMUNITIES BRING TO THE RICHNESS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN OUR AREA. THE BOARD, WE HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT THE BARRIERS THAT IMPACT API COMMUNITIES AND WE SEEK TO ADDRESS THOSE THROUGH SOME OF OUR POLICIES AND SOME OF OUR RESOURCE ALLOCATION, SO THIS IS MY LAST BUDGET PROCESS WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO PASS SOMETHING TO HAVE THE RESEARCH THAT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ADVOCACY THAT YOU THINK ARE PRIORITIES FOR US, AND TO MAINTAIN A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING. THIS WAS A LONG TIME COMING. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING HERE AND SHARING YOUR STORIES AND YOUR BACKGROUNDS AND YOUR VOICES, THANK YOU, JANET, AND ALSO COMMISSIONER STEGMANN, REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS. I -- YOU KNOW, A LOT OF WHAT YOU SAID WAS REALLY POWERFUL, AND ONE THING THAT I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHEN YOU -- DOCTOR TRINIDAD, WERE SPEAKING ABOUT SORT OF DATA, AND RESEARCH AND SORT OF THINKING ABOUT WE ARE GOING TO DO A RESEARCH STUDY. THAT IN AND OF ITSELF, HAS A TRAUMATIC UNDERPINNING FOR SO MANY -- FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES IN WHAT THAT ACTUALLY MEANS, AND SO I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR BRINGING THAT TO THE FOREFRONT AND HOPEFULLY THE RESEARCH THAT WILL BE DONE -- WE HAVE DONE WITH OUR WORK FORCE WHAT I SO LOVED ABOUT OUR WORK FORCE EQUITY, SOME OF THAT RESEARCH THAT WAS PRESENTED WAS THE QUALITATIVE ASPECT OF IT, IT'S STILL REALLY OFFICIAL, BUT HAS THE STORIES AND HAS THE REALLY COMPELLING ELEMENTS IN IT SO ALL OF YOU, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND PAST NOON AND EVERYTHING, I'LL STOP TALKING NOW. BUT REALLY APPRECIATE IT, IT'S WONDERFUL TO CELEBRATE.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING TODAY, THANK YOU COMMISSIONER STEGMANN FOR PUTTING THIS PANEL TOGETHER AND JANET, FOR ALL YOUR WORK, AND WHAT A LOVELY AND DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN WE HAVE HERE SPEAKING TODAY TOO. I LOVE YOUR INDIVIDUAL STORIES, YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPRESSIONS OF YOUR CULTURE AND THE DIFFERENT PLACES WHERE YOU ARE IN YOUR LIVES AND WHERE YOUR PASSION AND YOUR HEART LEADS YOU. I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK YOU, DR. TRINIDAD FOR THE THREE MESSAGES THAT YOU'VE LEFT US WITH TODAY, I THINK WE'LL ALL WALK AWAY FROM HERE THINKING ABOUT HOW WE JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO OURSELVES TO BE ABLE TO BE THE BEST LEADERS WE CAN IN OUR COMMUNITY. CHALLENGE AND QUESTION ASSUMPTIONS AND IN FACT, WHAT I WOULD REALLY LOVE, IF YOU HAVE THAT WRITTEN DOWN ANYWHERE THAT YOU COULD GIVE TO ME, I WAS REALLY MOVED BY WHAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING, THANK YOU AND I REALIZE WE ARE STANDING BETWEEN US AND SOME DELICIOUS FOOD FOR LUNCH. SO HOPE YOU ALL CAN STAY. AND WE WILL VOTE ON THE PROCLAMATION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR,

VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE] AND BEFORE WE LEAVE, WE HAVE TIME FOR BOARD COMMENTS AND NON AGENDA ITEMS, ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE'RE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 12:17 p.m.

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